

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

KLAMATH BASIN GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION

In the Matter of the Claim of the)	PARTIAL ORDER OF
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)	DETERMINATION
AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE)	
)	
)	Water Right Claim 512

The GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT of the FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 29, 1997, the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE (USFS) timely submitted a Statement and Proof of Claim (Claim 512) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) pursuant to ORS Chapter 539 in the Klamath Basin Adjudication claiming a federal reserved water right under the Organic Administration Act of 1897, 16 U.S.C. §§ 473-475, 477-482 and 551 (Organic Act).
2. On August 3, 1999, the USFS timely amended Claim 512 as to rate of discharge of water for the lower and upper thresholds of flow.
3. The August 3, 1999 amendment to the original claim reduced the lower threshold for natural flow from 110 cfs to 99 cfs. The amendment was a result of the exchange of correspondence between OWRD and the Claimant concerning the Claimant's need to incorporate information concerning instream flow requirements. OWRD intended to provide this information to the Claimant, but it was not available at the time of the claim filing deadline.
4. On October 4, 1999, following investigation of the evidence submitted, the Adjudicator issued a Summary and Preliminary Evaluation of Claims (Preliminary Evaluation) stating the claim was approved as amended on August 3, 1999.
5. On May 1, 2000, William J. Rust and Ethel J. Rust timely filed Contest 181 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.

6. On May 1, 2000, Leonard Baio timely filed Contest 416 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
7. On May 2, 2000, Gary Strong timely filed Contest 651 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
8. On May 2, 2000, the Flynn Brothers (Con and Nora Flynn), and Con, Nora and John Flynn timely filed Contest 886 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
9. On May 2, 2000, Robert Bartell timely filed Contest 1121 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
10. On May 2, 2000, Margaret Jacobs timely filed Contest 1356 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
11. On May 2, 2000, Carolyn Obenchain timely filed Contest 1590 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
12. On May 4, 2000, Rodney Z. James timely filed Contest 1939 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
13. On May 5, 2000, Newman Enterprise (Douglas Newman) timely filed Contest 2391 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
14. On May 5, 2000, Francis Loving Trust, Hilda Francis Trustee timely filed Contest 2628 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
15. On May 8, 2000, John Briggs timely filed Contest 4378 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
16. On May 8, 2000, Peter M. Bourdet timely filed Contest 4613 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
17. On May 8, 2000, Vincent Lee Briggs timely filed Contest 4846 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
18. On May 8, 2000, Thomas William Mallams timely filed Contest 5089 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
19. On May 8, 2000, Thomas H. Bentley timely filed Contest 5322 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.
20. On May 8, 2000, Thomas E. Stephens timely filed Contest 5555 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 512.

21. These matters were referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing. The Office of Administrative Hearings designated these matters and other like claims of the USFS as Case 010.
22. On July 2, 2002, the following contestants withdrew with prejudice their respective contest: Leonard Baio, Gary Strong, Flynn Brothers, Robert Bartell, Margaret Jacobs, Carolyn Obenchain, Rodney Z. James, Newman Enterprise (Douglas Newman), Francis Loving Trust, Hilda Francis Trustee, John Briggs, Peter M. Bourdet, Vincent Lee Briggs, Thomas William Mallams, Thomas H. Bentley, Thomas E. Stephens, and David Cowan, successor in interest to William J. Rust and Ethel J. Rust. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF BAIO *ET AL*'S CONTESTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE CLAIMS (July 2, 2002).
23. On December 31, 2002, the USFS amended the priority date of Claim 512 "from October 14, 1935 as originally claimed to March 1, 1985."
24. On April 2, 2003, the Adjudicator withdrew Case 010 from the Office of Administrative Hearings.
25. The place of use underlying Claim 512 is within or borders a federal reservation of land that is owned by the Claimant.
26. As explained in the GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS BASED ON THE ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1897, the date of reservation is the priority date of a federal reserved water right unless the claimant amended the priority date to a later date. This claim has a reservation date of October 14, 1935, and is based on Presidential Proclamation No. 2143, October 14, 1935.
27. The rate, as amended by the USFS' on August 3, 1999, and the season of use claimed are no more than necessary to fulfill the primary purposes of the reservation.

B. DETERMINATION

1. The Organic Administration Act of 1897 for a federal reserved water right is a valid basis for this claim, including the claimed purpose of use. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS BASED ON THE ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1897 is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
2. The instream flows recognized pursuant to this claim are not additive to any other instream flows based on other water rights, permits or claims within the same stream reach or a portion of the same stream reach.
3. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING AMENDMENTS OF CLAIMS is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

4. OWRD finds that the claim amendment described in Findings 2 and 3, above, does not constitute a new claim under ORS 539.210. This determination is based on the factors described in Findings 2 and 3, above. Because the amendment occurred prior to the beginning of open inspection, it is permissible and is incorporated into the Claimant's claim for consideration in this Findings of Fact and Partial Order of Determination.
5. Based on the file and record herein, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 512 is approved as amended by the USFS, and as set forth in the following Water Right Claim Description.

[Beginning of Water Right Claim Description]

CLAIM NO. 512

CLAIM MAP REFERENCE: MYLAR FILED AS CLAIM # 377, PAGE 255 and PAGE 261

CLAIMANT: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
1220 SW 3RD ROOM 1734
PORTLAND, OR 97204

SOURCE OF WATER: FISHHOLE CREEK, tributary to the SOUTH FORK SPRAGUE RIVER

PURPOSE or USE: INSTREAM USE TO PROVIDE FOR FAVORABLE CONDITONS OF FLOW

RATE: NATURAL FLOW FROM A TRIGGER FLOW OF 99 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS) TO A CAP FLOW OF 446 CFS; THE INSTREAM FLOW ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THIS CLAIM IS NOT ADDITIVE TO ANY OTHER INSTREAM FLOWS WITHIN THE SAME STREAM REACH OR A PORTION OF THE SAME STREAM

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31


DATE OF PRIORITY: MARCH 1, 1985

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

FISHHOLE CREEK FROM NESW, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, W.M., TO SENW, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, W.M

[End of Water Right Claim Description]

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013


Dwight French, Adjudicator
Klamath Basin General Stream Adjudication