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May 12, 2006

Re: United States v. A & R Productions, No. 01cv00072 BB-ACE (D.N.M.) (Zuni River adjudication)

Dear Zuni River adjudication defendant:

The United States is sending you this packet of documents as required by the March 7, 2006 *Procedural and Scheduling Order for the Adjudication of Water Rights Claims in Sub-area 7 of the Zuni River Stream System*. Please pay special attention to the enclosed *Notice of Water Rights Adjudication*, which is the Court's official explanation of the enclosed documents and of the procedure approved by the Court for the adjudication of your water rights.

The Court has established the following important deadlines which may affect your rights:

June 12, 2006

Date by which you must return a completed *Request for Consultation* form to the United States, if you disagree with any element of the enclosed *Consent Order* proposed by Plaintiffs. If you do not timely, and in good faith, participate in consultation with the Plaintiffs, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

August 12, 2006

Date by which you must either (1) sign and return a *Consent Order* offered by the Plaintiffs or (2) file an *Answer* with the Court rejecting the proposed *Consent Order*, following consultation with the Plaintiffs. **NOTE:** If you file an *Answer*, you must also mail a copy to the United States; however, mailing the copy to the United States does not relieve you of the obligation to file the original with the Court. **Counsel for the United States cannot file an *Answer* for you.** Failure to timely file an *Answer* may also result in entry of a default judgment.

Also please note that the enclosed documents may refer to multiple defendants, if county records indicate your property is owned by more than one person. In general, whenever a defendant's signature is required on a document **all defendants named on that document must**

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sign and date the document. If the county records are incorrect concerning the ownership of your property, or if one or more of the named defendants is unable, or does not agree, to sign a document, please fill out the *Request for Consultation* form, describing the problem, and return it to me as soon as possible. DO NOT ALTER THE ENCLOSED CONSENT ORDER. If you think it contains any error, or otherwise believe it is unacceptable, you must return a *Request for Consultation*. If we can reach agreement with you, we will send you a replacement consent order incorporating any agreed-upon changes.

Sincerely,


Bradley S. Bridgewater

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