

**HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT
WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered into by the United States of America (United States) and the State of Utah (Utah).

RECITALS

A. Utah has initiated a statutory adjudication of water rights entitled, "In the Matter of the General Determination of rights to the Use of Water, both Surface and Underground, within the Drainage Area of the Colorado River in San Juan, Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah, and exclusive to the Green River Drainage," filed in Grand County Civil No. 810704477. This adjudication is commonly referred to as the Southeastern Utah Colorado River Adjudication and encompasses the Hovenweep National Monument within the San Juan River drainage (Area 09). The United States has not been served a summons in this adjudication and has not filed a Water User's Claim for the Monument. In order to remove causes of present and future controversy over use of water at Hovenweep National Monument, the United States and Utah have conducted negotiations regarding inchoate reserved water rights claims for Hovenweep National Monument, resulting in the present agreement.

B. These negotiations have resulted in the settlement of issues and recognition of the federal reserved water rights of the United States for Hovenweep National Monument, subject to certain conditions, as set forth herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree to the following: