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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREAS OF THE VIRGIN RIVER IN WASHINGTON, IRON AND KANE COUNTIES - Fifth Judicial District - Civil No. 800507596

Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Agreement

Dear Mr. Leshy:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to my authority under 28 C.F.R. § 0.160, I have approved settlement of the United States' claims on behalf of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, as asserted in the Virgin River Adjudication of water rights, cited above, as this settlement is set forth in the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Agreement, the St. George Water Reuse Agreement, and the Santa Clara Project Agreement (collectively the "Settlement Agreements"), and the proposed Judgment and Decree, as appended to these Settlement Agreements and the recent Congressional legislation approving this settlement.

Sincerely,


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cc: David Hayes, DOI
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