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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF WYOMING, COUNTY OF WASHAKIE

*Suzann Whitlock, Clerk*  
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IN RE: THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION )  
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE )  
BIG HORN RIVER SYSTEM AND ALL )  
OTHER SOURCES, STATE OF WYOMING )

Civil No. 77-4993/86-0012

WASHAKIE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
OF THE ORIGINAL FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

ORDER RE: PERMANENT DOCUMENT RETENTION  
BIG HORN RIVER GENERAL ADJUDICATION

DATE 9-5-14  
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This matter comes before the Court on its own Motion for Permanent Document Retention. The Court is nearly complete with adjudicating water rights in Phases I, II and III, and all Walton claims in the above captioned matter, and desires to provide instructions for permanent record retention.

Based upon this, the following is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Special Master's office has coordinated with Wyoming's State Supreme Court Administrator, the Supreme Court Technology Office, and the State Engineer's Office and taken steps to electronically capture the record in the above captioned case. The existing physical record contains documents from Phases I, II and III, and all Walton files, including information used in the various appeals to the Wyoming Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court. The physical documents are housed in three locations: (1) at the Special Master's Office in Thermopolis, (2) in Worland at the Fifth Judicial District Court clerk's office, and (3) in state archives in Cheyenne.
2. The pertinent record from the various proceedings has been scanned, microfilmed and indexed. The Court and Special Master's office have worked to make this record available for electronic access, and eventually make it accessible via the State Court's website. The Special Master's Office continues to update the website with all filed documents, and is finalizing permanent public access in coordination with the Wyoming Supreme Court Administrator and the Wyoming Supreme Court Technology Office in consultation with the State Engineer's Office.
3. After the final order is entered in this matter, the Court shall provide the Special Master's Office and the Fifth Judicial District Clerk of Court with notice to permanently archive all original physical documents of record in this matter, including, but not limited to, oversized exhibits, notices, Phase I files, Phase II files, Phase III files, Walton files, and any other documents in the Court's files. In addition, the State Engineer's records supporting the Court's record of the Big Horn River General Adjudication shall also be permanently archived, to the extent that the State Engineer's

office has not otherwise permanently retained such documents. These records shall not be destroyed without further order of the Court.

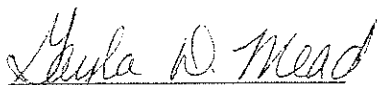
4. The Special Master's staff shall physically post a copy of this retention order on all storage boxes, oversized exhibits or court documents, and any other storage vessel that contains the original historic record prior to its removal to archives.
5. When any new storage in this case is added to the existing record, the Fifth Judicial District Clerk of Court shall take steps to post the additional stored documents in the same manner with a copy of this Order.
6. The Fifth Judicial District Clerk of Court shall notify the Big Horn River adjudication court, the Special Master's Office and the State Engineer's Office with any changes to the current location for the court record in this matter, and with changes to archive locations, for all archived documents. When the documents are transferred from Thermopolis or from the Fifth Judicial District Clerk of Court for storage, the new official custodian of the records shall be provided with a copy of this Order.
7. The Court should be advised of any other contemplated microfilm, electronic, or other non-original document storage for this case record in advance of such actions, to avoid duplication.

DATED this 5 day of Sept, 2014.



Hon. Robert E. Skar,  
District Court Judge  
Fifth Judicial District, Wyoming

I, hereby certify that on this 5 day of Sept, 2014, true copies of the foregoing Order were sent by U.S. Mail to all parties and attorneys on the Court's approved mailing list.



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Big Horn River Adjudication