

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CHAVES
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Nos. 20294 and 22600
Consolidated

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*
STATE ENGINEER
and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

L.T. LEWIS, *et al.*, and
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defendants.

Hon. James J. Wechsler
Judge *Pro Tempore*

Pecos River Stream System
Cow Creek Section

Case No. D-504-WS-19000001

CLAIM TO SURFACE WATER RIGHT

The claimant(s) listed below submit(s) this Claim to Surface Water Right for a water right that was not depicted or described in the 2015 Cow Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey.

1. Claimant(s) name(s) and contact information:

Claimant 1

Louis A. Manns
First and last name

P.O. Box 2722
Mailing address

Las Vegas, N.M. 87701
Mailing address continued

louismanns2@gmail.com
Email address

575-421-2340
Phone number

Claimant 2

First and last name

Mailing address

Mailing address continued

Email address

Phone number

2. Priority date: 7-1-25
3. Source of water: Cow Creek
4. Amount of water: 2 acres
5. Purpose of use: irrigation
6. Period of use: Summer
7. Place of use (including 2015 Cow Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey map sheet(s) where claimed water right is located): _____
8. Place or point of diversion (ditch): Cow Creek
9. Number of irrigated acres (if purpose of use is irrigation): 2

Attach a copy of the deed or other proof of ownership of the land where the water is being used.

Louis A. Mann
Claimant 1 signature

7-1-25
Date

Claimant 2 signature

Date

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO CLAIM WATER RIGHTS

FROM: Clerk of the New Mexico District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, Chaves County

This Notice is directed to all unknown persons who may claim any right to the use of the waters of Cow Creek and its tributaries.

THIS NOTICE IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF THE PENDENCY OF THIS ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is pending in the New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court an action to adjudicate all claims to rights to use of the waters of the Cow Creek Section of the Pecos River Stream System. As the owner(s) of land located in the Cow Creek basin, you are required to appear before the Court and describe the rights, if any, that you claim to the use of the surface waters of Cow Creek.

Unless you file a Claim with the Clerk of the Court and serve a copy on the Office of the State Engineer by JULY 4, 2025, any right you may have to use the surface waters of Cow Creek may be adjudicated by default judgment.

The Plaintiff in this action is the State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer [State]. A copy of the Amended Complaint filed in this action on May 30, 1978, may be obtained from the Fifth Judicial District Court, Chaves County Court House, P.O. Box 1776, Roswell, NM 88202-1776, under the caption State of New Mexico *ex rel.* Reynolds v. L.T. Lewis, et al., Nos. 20294 and 22600 Consolidated.

The 2015 Cow Creek Hydrographic Survey published September 11, 2015, may be viewed at: (1) the Office of the State Engineer, 130 S. Capitol, Santa Fe, NM 87504; or (2) OSE website at <https://www.ose.nm.gov/HydroSurvey/index.php>.

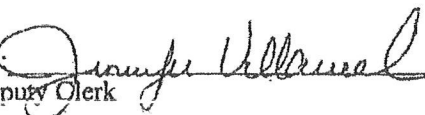
The Cow Creek Section adjudication is controlled by the Second Amended Procedural Order, issued January 9, 2023, which requires the State to make each water right claimant a party to the adjudication suit. For claims not identified or described in the 2015 Hydrographic Survey, the procedural order directs the State to serve notice on all unknown claimants of the procedure and deadline for submitting their claim of a water right. The form for submitting such claims is attached to this Notice. All claims must be submitted by completing the attached form, filing it with the Court, and serving a copy on the Office of the State Engineer. The deadline for submitting such claims is JULY 4, 2025.

The plaintiff's attorneys are:

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5102
(505) 827-6150

WITNESS the hand and seal of the Fifth Judicial District Court for the Counties of Chaves, Eddy and Lea, State of New Mexico.

STACY L. MORA, CLERK
Fifth Judicial District Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk

