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Water Resources Department
1178 Chemeketa Street N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Sirs:

I am enrolled on the former Klamath Indian Reservation and am the owner of the following described property:

Lots 3 and 4, Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 11 East
Willamette Meridian, Oregon, containing 79.67 acres, more
or less.

I am informed of my water right which is in public law 587 - Section 14, Quote, "(a) Nothing in this Act shall abrogate any water rights of the tribe and its members, and the laws of the State of Oregon with respect to its members until fifteen years after the date of the proclamation issued pursuant to section 18 of the Act. (b) Nothing in this Act shall abrogate any fishing rights or privileges of the tribe or the members thereof enjoyed under Federal treaty."

I am also quoting my rights as pointed out by the solicitor of the Interior Dept., Elmer F. Bennett, dated March 14, 1958. Quote, "With respect to the Klamath Indians it is stated in Klamath and Modoc Tribes v. Maison, 139 F. Supp. 634, 635 (1956), that these Indians had "owned or occupied" exclusively a vast domain of land. They had exploited it in the manner of their culture, which was primarily a hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering culture. As already stated, the power to extinguish or recognize such Indian possessory rights and obtain settlement of the various Indian groups on certain lands reserved for that purpose has been recognized as being in the Federal Government since the beginning of our constitutional history. The Klamath Indian treaty of 1864 exemplifies an exercise of that power."

I want to record my water rights on the above described property with the State of Oregon. I will also file a copy with the County of Klamath.

Respectfully, *Raymond Royse*

Raymond Royse,
623 So. Central Ave.
Medford, Oregon 97501

STATE OF OREGON; COUNTY OF KLAMATH; ss.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was received and filed for record on the 18th day of May A.D., 1977 at 11:26 o'clock A M., and duly recorded in Vol. M77, of WATER RIGHTS on Page 8656.

FEE \$ 3.00

WM. D. MILNE, County Clerk

By *Hazel Drayton* Deputy