

Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C. 20530

December 8, 1993



Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to notify you that in conjunction with the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice intends to reexamine thoroughly the issue of whether the Wilderness Act of 1964, 16 U.S.C. 1311 et seq., provides an adequate legal basis for claiming federal reserved water rights. Pending conclusion of that analysis, the policy set forth in the July 28, 1988 letter of Attorney General Meese to Secretary Hodel is suspended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Reno".

Janet Reno