

LEGAL FORMS

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Names of forms you will receive are in bold. Steps that can be taken by you are underlined. Form names are current as of 2024. Instructions here provide a brief explanation and procedure of what to do when you receive these forms. For further questions, feel free to contact the Ombudsman.

ANSWER TO GENERAL ADJUDICATION COMPLAINT

Summons and General Adjudication Complaint + Answer to General Adjudication Complaint = Response from you in the form of an **Adjudication Complaint** in a timely manner.

Along with the **Summons and General Adjudication Complaint**, you will receive an **Answer to General Adjudication Complaint**. To respond to the **Summons and General Adjudication Complaint**, you must complete the **Answer** in a timely manner with the Court. You will be subject to default if you fail to file the **Answer**. If you need more space, attach additional sheets.

RESPONSE TO STATE'S OFFER OF JUDGMENT

After filing and **Answer to General Adjudication Complaint**, you will receive an **Offer of Judgment** > If you disagree file a **Response to the State's Offer of Judgment**

After you file the **Answer to General Adjudication Complaint**, you will receive an **Offer of Judgment**. If you disagree with the state's offer, you must timely complete and mail a **Response to the State's Offer of Judgment** with objections clearly stated to the court of be subject to summary judgement. The State's offer will determine any element of your water right that you do not expressly object. The State will review your objections and attempt to resolve them with you.

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REQUEST FOR MEDIATION

If there is no agreement on the elements of your water right and you object to the **State's Offer of Judgment**, you may be required to participate in a court-required mediation. Filing a **Request for Mediation** will notify the Court to initiate the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, you are entitled to a trial on merit.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FILING

Notice of Intent to Participate Filing permits you to participate in Court hearings regarding stream system issues. Stream system issues affect a significant number of water rights owners.

MONTHLY ADJUDICATION REPORT

The State of New Mexico has a **Monthly Adjudication Report** with statistics on adjudications. You can subscribe to the Report by filing the subscription form with the Court or viewing it on the New Mexico Judiciary's website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Forms **Notice of Intent to Participate Filing**, **Response to State's Offer of Judgment**, and **Request for Mediation** are not necessary to respond to the **Summons** and **General Adjudication Complaint**. For this reason, these Forms are usually not included in the packet you received. However, you may need these forms as the Adjudication progresses and they can be downloaded from the New Mexico Judiciary's website <http://nmcourts.com/>.

QUESTIONS AND NOTES:

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