Navajo Nation San Juan River
In New Mexico Water Rights Settlement

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Navajo Reservation is almost entirely within Colorado River Basin

Upper & Lower Basins

Three States:
Arizona
New Mexico
Utah
Navajo Nation & the San Juan River Basin in New Mexico
Navajo Nation San Juan River
In New Mexico Water Rights Settlement

- P.L. 111-11, Title X, Subtitle B
  March 30, 2009
- Settlement Agreement
  executed December 17, 2010
- Final Decrees entered
  November 1, 2013
### Summary of the Water Rights of the Navajo Nation
#### San Juan River in New Mexico Settlement

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Diversion (afy)</th>
<th>Depletion (afy)</th>
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<td>Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (110,630 acres)</td>
<td>508,000*</td>
<td>270,000</td>
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<td>Hogback Irrigation Project (8,830 acres)</td>
<td>48,550</td>
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<td>Fruitland Irrigation Project (3,335 acres)</td>
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<td>633,532</td>
<td>336,979**</td>
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* NIIP average diversion limited to 353,000 afy

** Net San Juan River depletion 325,918 afy
Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project

NEW MEXICO
Upper Basin
Lower Basin
Rio Grande Basin

ARIZONA
Lower Basin
San Juan River in New Mexico

Navajo Farm at Fruitland

Navajo Indian Irrigation Project

Navajo Dam & Reservoir
Shortage Provisions

- Top Water Bank
- Alternate Water Supply from Navajo Reservoir
- Protections for San Juan-Chama Project
- Shortage Sharing with Animas-La Plata Project
- Authorization for Shortage Sharing Agreements
- Forbearance by NIIP to firm Water for Window Rock
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