

Some Frequently Asked Questions

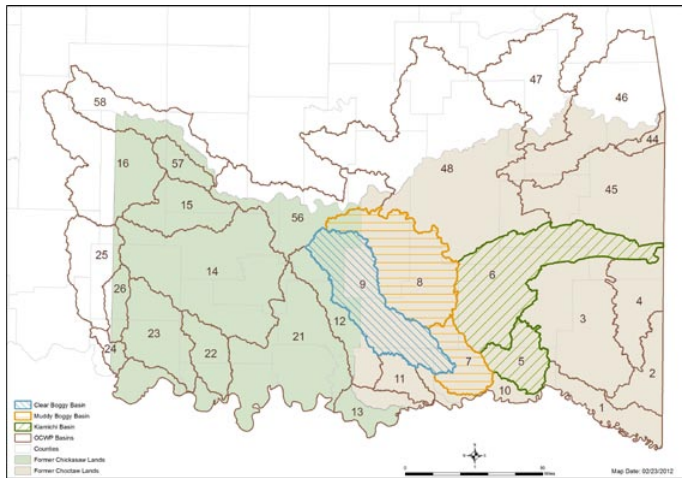
Are my water rights currently threatened?

If you currently use or claim the right to use water in the 22-county region of southeastern Oklahoma, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes have threatened your water rights by claiming “dominion over” that water. The general stream adjudication process is designed to protect your rights against such threats.

What is the benefit of a general stream adjudication to me as a water user?

An adjudication will provide certainty to your claim to water in the Kiamichi, Muddy Boggy and Clear Boggy Basin stream systems. It will provide for a final determination of all water rights, as well as the State’s ability to administer and protect these invaluable water rights and resources.

Southeast Oklahoma Basin Boundaries (Including Clear Boggy, Muddy Boggy & Kiamichi Stream Systems)



OWRB staff are ready to assist water users throughout the adjudication process. Visit www.owrb.ok.gov/legal.php to view general stream adjudication documents and download associated forms as they become available. Concerned citizens may also call (405) 530-8800 for assistance.

Western States Currently Undergoing Adjudication



What is the State’s authority and role in a general stream adjudication?

The State, through the OWRB, is authorized to commence a general stream adjudication to protect and confirm the water rights of Oklahoma water claimants when it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of those claimants. The State will work with both the court and water users throughout the process to confirm and determine rights.

What is the process for a general stream adjudication?

All water claimants will be provided notice, time, and opportunity to adequately present and address all of their claims to water in the Kiamichi, Muddy Boggy, and Clear Boggy Basin stream systems. For those currently holding a permit, the process should be quite simple as the permit should contain all the information the court requires to confirm permit holders’ rights.