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PROCEDURAL OUTLINE FOR TURTLE MOUNTAIN CLAIMS

1. Place issue remarks on all Turtle Mountain claims indicating they are Indian reserved rights.
2. Consolidate all Turtle Mountain Claims into a single decree.
3. Provide notice of the decree to all claimants in each of the basins where Turtle Mountain claims are located.
4. Resolve any major issues raised in objections before case consolidation.
Examples of such issues might include whether reserved rights exist and if so, what types of claims were reserved and what standard should be used to define them.
5. Assuming reserved rights exist, consolidate claims into cases.
6. Direct DNRC to undertake appropriate review of claims according to proper measurement standard.
7. Resolve individual claims on a case by case basis.