

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
EUGENE DIVISION

KELSEY CASCADIA ROSE JULIANA,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
et al.,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 6:15-cv-01517-AA

ORDER

AIKEN, District Judge.

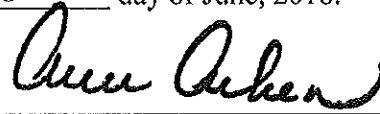
On May 9, 2018, Defendants filed a Motion for Protective Order and Motion for Stay of All Discovery. ECF No. 196. On May 25, 2018, Magistrate Judge Coffin denied Defendants' motion.¹ ECF No. 212. Defendants have filed Objections to Judge Coffin's Order, ECF No. 215, Plaintiffs have filed their Response, ECF No. 242, and the matter is now before this Court.

In accordance with Rule 72(a), "[w]hen a pretrial matter not dispositive of a party's claim or defense is referred to a magistrate judge to hear and decide, the magistrate judge must promptly conduct the required proceedings and, when appropriate, issue a written order stating the decision." Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a). The standard of review for an order with objections is "clearly erroneous" or "contrary to law." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a).

¹ Defendants complain, *inter alia*, that Judge Coffin denied their motion without allowing them the opportunity to file a reply. The Local Rules of the District of Oregon do not permit replies in support of discovery motions. LR 26-3(c) ("Unless otherwise directed by the Court, a movant may not file a reply supporting a discovery motion."). The timing of Judge Coffin's ruling was therefore appropriate.

The Court has carefully reviewed Judge Coffin's order in light of Defendants' objections. The Court concludes that the order is not clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court AFFIRMS Magistrate Judge Coffin's Order, ECF No. 212, denying Defendants' Motion for Protective Order and Stay of All Discovery, ECF No.196. The Court declines to certify this decision for interlocutory appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b).

It is so ORDERED and DATED this 29th day of June, 2018.



ANN AIKEN
United States District Judge