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STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

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| In Re SRBA     | ) | SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT                          |
|                | ) |                                                  |
| Case No. 39576 | ) | FINDINGS OF FACT AND                             |
|                | ) | CONCLUSIONS OF LAW                               |
| _____          | ) | FOR WATER RIGHTS 79-04380, 79-04417 and 79-04421 |

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

A notice of claim was filed for the above listed water rights pursuant to I.C. § 42-1409. The Director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources examined the water system for this reporting area. The *Director's Report* contained a recommendation or abstract for the elements of these water rights.

On September 17, 1999, an objection was filed to the above listed water rights by Pickett Ranch & Sheep Co, Western Stockgrowers Assoc., Joe Tugaw, Michael Poulton, Gary Poulton, Karl Bedke, Jared Bedke, Scott Bedke, Bruce Bedke, Jerry Hoagland and Joyce Livestock Company. On August 29, 2001, the parties filed a *Stipulation and Joint Motion for Order Approving Stipulation, Notice of Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* filed by Semanko for Bruce Bedke et al, *Notice of Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* filed by Semanko for Western Stockgrowers et al. On September 18, 2002, an *Order Dismissing Objections and Responses with Prejudice; and Order Dimissing Parties* was issued. On March 11, 2003, the State of Idaho filed a *Stipulation to Resolve Objections*. The Stipulation states that the State of Idaho withdraws its objections to these subcases. On April 24, 2003, this Special Master requested that pleadings be filed regarding priority dates of the multiple subcases pursuant to the stipulation of the parties. On May 15, 2003, the United States filed a *Notice Regarding Priority Date*.

**II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Therefore based on the file and record herein and pursuant to the *Notice Regarding Priority Date*, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above listed water rights be decreed with the elements as set forth in the attached *Recommendations for Partial Decrees Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b)*.

DATED May 20, 2003.

  
THOMAS R. CUSHMAN  
Special Master  
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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In Re SRBA )  
Case No. 39576 )  
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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO  
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR  
Water Right 79-04380

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SOURCE: UNNAMED STREAM TRIBUTARY: CHINA CREEK  
QUANTITY: 0.40 AFY

THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000  
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY DATE: 12/31/1969

POINT OF DIVERSION: T31N R04W S21 SWSWNE Within Nez Perce County

| PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE: | PURPOSE OF USE          | PERIOD OF USE  | QUANTITY |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                            | Stockwater Storage      | 05-01 TO 10-31 | 0.40 AFY |
|                            | Stockwater from Storage | 05-01 TO 10-31 | 0.40 AFY |

|               |                         |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| PLACE OF USE: | Stockwater Storage      | Within Nez Perce County |
|               | T31N R04W S21 SWNE      |                         |
|               | Stockwater from Storage | Within Nez Perce County |
|               | T31N R04W S21 SWNE      |                         |

OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT IS NOT A  
DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

THIS PARTIAL DECREE IS SUBJECT TO SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS  
NECESSARY FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE RIGHTS OR FOR THE EFFICIENT  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER RIGHTS AS MAY BE ULTIMATELY  
DETERMINED BY THE COURT AT A POINT IN TIME NO LATER THAN THE  
ENTRY OF A FINAL UNIFIED DECREE. I.C. SECTION 42-1412(6).

RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATE

With respect to the issues determined by the above judgment or order, it is hereby CERTIFIED, in accordance with Rule 54(b), I.R.C.P., that the court has determined that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of a final judgment and that the court has and does hereby direct that the above judgment or order shall be a final judgment upon which execution may issue and an appeal may be taken as provided by the Idaho Appellate Rules.

Roger Burdick  
Presiding Judge of the  
Snake River Basin Adjudication

RECOMMENDATION

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SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: SLATE CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.01 AFY

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THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000  
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY DATE: 06/10/1964

POINT OF DIVERSION: T26N R02E S08 NWNENE Within Idaho County

| PURPOSE AND<br>PERIOD OF USE: | PURPOSE OF USE          | PERIOD OF USE  | QUANTITY |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                               | Stockwater from Storage | 05-01 TO 10-15 | 0.01 AFY |
|                               | Stockwater Storage      | 05-01 TO 10-15 | 0.01 AFY |

|               |                         |                     |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| PLACE OF USE: | Stockwater Storage      | Within Idaho County |
|               | T26N R02E S08 NENE      |                     |
|               | Stockwater from Storage | Within Idaho County |
|               | T26N R02E S08 NENE      |                     |

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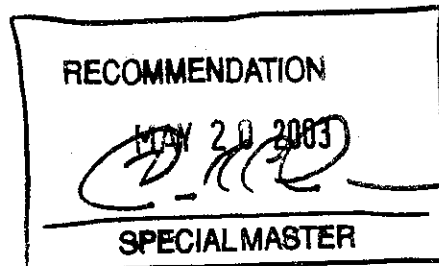
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SOURCE: UNNAMED STREAM TRIBUTARY: BEAR GULCH

Department of Water Resources

QUANTITY: 0.01 APY

THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000  
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY DATE: 11/15/1960

POINT OF DIVERSION: T26N R02E S09 NWNENW Within Idaho County

| PURPOSE AND<br>PERIOD OF USE: | PURPOSE OF USE          | PERIOD OF USE  | QUANTITY |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                               | Stockwater Storage      | 05-01 TO 10-15 | 0.01 APY |
|                               | Stockwater from Storage | 05-01 TO 10-15 | 0.01 APY |

|               |                         |                     |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| PLACE OF USE: | Stockwater Storage      | Within Idaho County |
|               | T26N R02E S09 NENW      |                     |
|               | Stockwater from Storage | Within Idaho County |
|               | T26N R02E S09 NENW      |                     |

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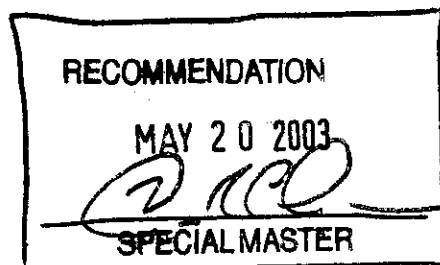
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on May 20, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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