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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re SRBA) Subcases 83-10773, *et al.*
Case No. 39576) (see list of 13 subcases attached)
) (USDI/BLM)
)
) SPECIAL MASTER REPORT

Findings of Fact

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report for Domestic and Stockwater, Reporting Area 22 (IDWR Basin 83)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended the above 13 claims to the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management ("USDI/BLM"), 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657, for a *de minimis* amount (.02 cfs) from various streams and creeks for year-'round stockwater use in Shoshone County with a priority date of January 1, 1907, based on beneficial use.

The State of Idaho filed *Objections* on June 2, 1999, objecting to priority date and alleging the water rights should not exist. On September 17, 1999, the Western Stockgrowers Association, Joyce Livestock Company, Jerry Hoagland, Pickett Ranch & Sheep Company, Michael and Gary Poulton, Bruce, Jared, Karl and Scott Bedke and Joe Tugaw ("private parties") filed *Objections* alleging the water rights should not exist.

On August 29, 2002, the United States and the private parties filed a *Stipulation and Joint Motion for Order Approving Stipulation* in multiple related subcases, including the above 13 subcases. As part of the *Stipulation*, the private parties agreed to dismiss their objections and responses and "for claims on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the United States shall receive a water right with a priority date which is the later of a) the claimed priority date or b) June 28, 1934."

On September 5, 2002, the Special Master entered an *Order Granting Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* in the same multiple subcases objected to by the private parties. On April 21, 2003, the Special Master entered an *Order Dismissing State of Idaho Objections* based on a *Stipulation to Resolve Objections* filed by the United States and the State. Finally, on June 10, 2003, the USDI/BLM filed a *Notice Regarding Priority Date* stating the priority date for all of the above 13 subcases should be June 28, 1934.

Conclusions of Law

The USDI/BLM is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating water rights as agreed to in the *Stipulation* and as described in the attached *Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees*.

DATED July 16, 2003.



TERRENCE A. DOLAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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Water Right(s): 83-10773
(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A)

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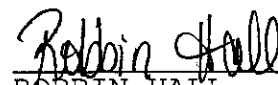
I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on July 16, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

DIRECTOR OF IDWR
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, ID 83720-0098

USDI BLM

Represented by:
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT & NATL' RESOURCES
550 WEST FORT STREET, MSC 033
BOISE, ID 83724

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Deputy Clerk

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Exhibit A

Subcase Nos:

83-10773
83-10774
83-10775
83-10776
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
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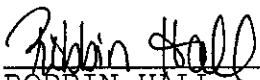
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On July 16, 2003, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

Pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1, Section 13a, any party to the adjudication including parties to the subcase, may file a Motion to Alter or Amend on or before the 28th day of the next month.

Failure of any party in the adjudication to pursue or participate in a Motion to Alter or Amend the SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION shall constitute a waiver of the right to challenge it before the Presiding Judge.

DATED July 16, 2003.



ROBBIN HALL
Deputy Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
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In Re SRBA)
)
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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 83-10779

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NAME AND ADDRESS: USDI BLM
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

SOURCE: TWIN SPRINGS CREEK TRIBUTARY: FLOODWOOD CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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

PRIORITY DATE: 06/28/1934

POINT OF DIVERSION: T43N R04E S27 SWSNW (Instream Beginning Point) Within Shoshone County
S33 SESENE (Instream Beginning Point)
SESENE (Instream Ending Point)
S34 SWNNW (Instream Ending Point)

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE: PURPOSE OF USE PERIOD OF USE QUANTITY
Stockwater 01-01 TO 12-31 0.02 CFS

PLACE OF USE: Stockwater Within Shoshone County
T43N R04E S27 SENW NESW
NWSW SWSW
S33 SENE
S34 NWNW

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.

RECOMMENDATION

JUL 16 2003

Ronald A. Blum
SPECIAL MASTER

Roger Burdick
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication