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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

Case No. 39576

) Subcases 83-10773, *et al.*
) (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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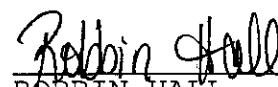
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USDI BLM

Represented by:
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Exhibit A

Subcase Nos:

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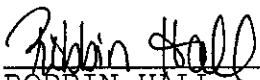
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On July 16, 2003, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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.



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