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TWIN FALLS CO., IDAHO  
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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 84-11910, *et al.*  
 ) (see list of 60 subcases attached)  
Case No. 39576 ) (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 84)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended the above 60 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 rivers, streams and creeks for year-round stockwater use in Idaho and Clearwater Counties with priority dates of either January 1, 1887, or November 18, 1895, 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 August 29, 2002, the United States and certain private parties filed a *Stipulation and Joint Motion for Order Approving Stipulation* in multiple related subcases, including the above 60 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 related 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 60 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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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Case No. 39576 )  
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Water Right(s): 84-11910  
(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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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ROBBIN HALL  
Deputy Clerk

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Exhibit A

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF  
SPECIAL MASTER'S  
RECOMMENDATION

Water Right(s): 84-11910  
(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A)

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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**RECOMMENDATION**

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*Thomas A. Allen*

**SPECIAL MASTER**

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