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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	)	Subcase Nos.: See Attachments A and B
	)	
Case No. 39576	)	FIFTEENTH JOINT STATUS REPORT
_____	)	

In accordance with the Court's Order Requiring Bi-Monthly Joint Status Reports and Trial Schedule Order, dated May 17, 2002, the undersigned parties have the following to report on the progress within this reporting period, regarding settlement of the claims and objections which frame the issues before the court in these consolidated sub-cases.

With regard to issues relating to the Tribes and Riddle Ranches and Simplot, as previously reported, the parties earlier have reached an agreement in principle. The agreement in principle was drafted in the form of a comprehensive water rights settlement document, which was circulated in draft form to all parties in April 2003.

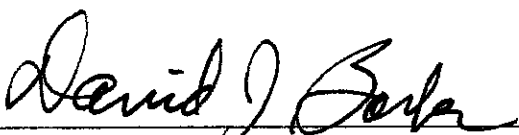
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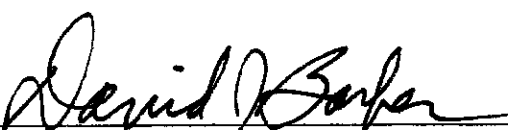
With regard to the State of Idaho, the State has thoroughly reviewed the April, 2003, draft and has prepared changes to it, which were sent to the parties on September 29, 2003. A proposed meeting between the tribes, the State of Idaho, the United States, and other Idaho parties scheduled for July 14, 2003, did not occur because some State personnel were involved in other SRBA negotiations. With the circulation of its proposed changes to the draft agreement, the State has proposed a joint meeting with the Tribes, the States of Idaho and Nevada, and the United States to jointly discuss and agree on provisions concerning administration in the interstate context.

With regard to negotiations between the United States and the Tribes, the parties met on July 16, 2003, to continue discussions relating to the federal components relating to settlement. On the same day, the United States and the Tribes also met with counsel for the South Board of Control, Owyhee Irrigation Project to brief him on the status of the negotiations and to identify concerns of the South Board of Control.

Dated this 14th day of October 2003.

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