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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 82-10855 and 82-10857
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 82)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended 82-10855 and 82-10857 to the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657, for .02 cfs from springs for year-round stockwater use in Idaho County with a priority date of January 1, 1861, based on beneficial use. On both reports, the Director also noted: "This water right is also claimed based on federal law with an April 17, 1926, date of priority pursuant to an Executive Order signed the same date and known as Public Water Reserve 107."

On June 2, 1999, the State of Idaho filed an *Objection* in multiple subcases, including subcases 82-10855 and 82-10857, objecting to priority date ("If this water right exists, the State Law based portion of this right should have a priority date no earlier than June 28, 1934.") and alleging that the water right should not exist.

On August 29, 2002, the United States and certain private parties filed a *Stipulation* in multiple subcases, including 82-10855 and 82-10857, and an *Order Granting Withdrawal* was entered on September 5, 2002. On April 21, 2003, an *Order Dismissing State of Idaho Objections* was entered based on the parties' *Stipulation to Resolve Objections*.

An I.C. §42-1411A hearing was held on September 25, 2003, for the United States to demonstrate a *prima facie* case of the existence of the water rights established under federal law

(even though objections to the claims were filed). On the date of the hearing, the United States submitted an affidavit by Frederic W. Price (a BLM water rights specialist) who said the land covered by claims 82-10855 and 82-10857 was patented in 1918 and 1915, respectively, and later reacquired by the United States in 1973. For that reason and because of an earlier settlement with the State, state law-based beneficial use claims with a priority date of June 28, 1934, should be decreed.

Conclusions of Law

The United States of America is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating water rights under state law-based claims 82-10855 and 82-10857 as described in the attached *Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees for Water Rights 82-10855 and 82-10857*.

DATED October 31, 2003.



TERRENCE A. DOLAN

Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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

DISTRICT COURT-SRBA
Fifth Judicial District
County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho

In Re SRBA)
Case No. 39576)
_____)

PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 82-10855

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By _____ Clerk
Deputy Clerk

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

SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: SWALE 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: T29N R08E S04 NWSESE Within Idaho County

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 Idaho County
T29N R08E S04 SESE

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

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DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.
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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.

Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication

RECOMMENDATION

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[Signature]
SPECIAL MASTER

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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
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Water Right 82-10857

By _____ Clerk

Deputy Clerk

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

SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: SWALE CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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Russell A. Allen
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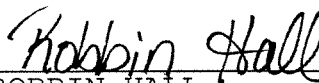
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on October 31, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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

USDI BLM

Represented by:
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550 WEST FORT STREET, MSC 033
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

Water Right(s): 82-10855
82-10857

On October 31, 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 October 31, 2003.

Robbin Hall
ROBBIN HALL
Deputy Clerk