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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

) SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND
) RECOMMENDATION ON FEDERAL
) RESERVED WATER RIGHT
) PURSUANT TO PWR 107
)
) FINDINGS OF FACT AND
) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
)
) For subcases: See Exhibit A
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I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The above-captioned water rights were claimed in the SRBA as federal reserved water rights pursuant to Public Water Reserve 107, by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Notice of the elements of the claims was reported by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Objections were filed the State of Idaho regarding whether the claimed rights met the criteria for a federal reserved right pursuant to PWR 107.

On December 11, 2003, a trial was held on these and other claims pursuant to Idaho Code 42-1411A(12), which requires the United States to demonstrate a *prima facie* showing of the existence of the claimed federal reserve water right. In conjunction with that trial, the United States filed affidavits, which were admitted into evidence, for each claimed right to meet its burden.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the file and record in this subcase, and the affidavits presented at the hearing on the matter, this Special Master makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. Prior to April 17, 1926, the subject water source for each claim was located on unreserved federal public domain land.

2. Prior to April 17, 1926, no water rights had been established pursuant to state law for the use of the water from the subject water source for each claim.

3. On April 17, 1926, President Coolidge executed Public Water Reserve 107, which withdrew the 40 acre tract of land upon which the subject water source for each claim is located from the public domain. The tract of land withdrawn for each claim is described as the "place of use" element on each of the attached *Special Master's Recommendation*.

4. The subject water source for each claim consists of a spring or water hole of the type contemplated by Public Water Reserve 107.

5. Contemporaneously with the withdrawal of the land, President Coolidge impliedly reserved enough water to fulfill the primary purpose of the land reservation for each claim.

6. The minimum amount of water necessary to fulfill the primary purpose of the land reservation is the amount set forth in the "quantity" element on the attached *Special Master's Recommendation* for each claim.

7. The United States has satisfied its burden under Idaho Code section 42-1411A(12) as to the nature and existence of the claimed federal reserve water right for each claim.

8. The elements of the federal reserved water right for each claim are set forth on each of the attached *Special Master's Recommendation*.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above-captioned water rights be decreed as federal reserved water rights with the elements as set forth in each of the attached *Special Master's Recommendation for Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b)*. It is further recommended that to the extent any concomitant state-law water right was claimed in the alternative for any of the above-captioned rights, that said right not be confirmed in any partial or final decree.

Dated March 3, 2004.



THOMAS CUSHMAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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32-10522	32-10794	32-10998
32-10524	32-10800	32-11002
32-10542	32-10802	32-11018
32-10544	32-10804	32-11030
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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.


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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 March 03, 2004, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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