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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 85-12052, 85-12085, 85-12102,
Case No. 39576) 85-12143 and 85-12178
) (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 85)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended the above 5 claims 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 various creeks and streams in Lewis and Nez Perce Counties for year-round instream stockwater use with priority dates of January 1, 1878, November 18, 1895, or June 28, 1934, 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. The United States filed *Objections* on September 17, 1999, objecting to points of diversion and places of use.

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 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* filed by the private parties. On April 21, 2003, the Special Master entered *Orders Dismissing State of Idaho Objections* based on a *Stipulation to Resolve*

Objections filed by the United States and the State. Finally, on March 25, 2004, the United States, with IDWR's concurrence, filed *Amended Claim Standard Forms 5* agreeing to a priority date of June 28, 1934, and amended points of diversion and places of use.

Conclusions of Law

The United States is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating water rights as described in the *Amended Claim SF-5's* and the attached *Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees for Water Rights 85-12052, 85-12085, 85-12102, 85-12143 and 85-12178*.

DATED May 11, 2004.



TERRENCE A. DOLAN

Special Master

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In Re SRBA)

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Water Right(s): 85-12052
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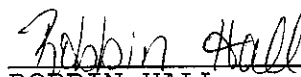
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on May 11, 2004, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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USDI BLM

Represented by:
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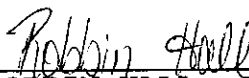
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On May 11, 2004, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 May 11, 2004.



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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 85-12085

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

SOURCE: CAPTAIN JOHN CREEK TRIBUTARY: SNAKE RIVER

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: T32N R04W S03 SWSNW (Instream Ending Point) Within Nez Perce County
SESESW (Instream Beginning Point)

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 Nez Perce County
	T32N R04W S03	SENW SESW	NESW

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

THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT IS NOT A
DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.
THIS PARTIAL DECREE IS SUBJECT TO SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS
NECESSARY FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE RIGHTS OR FOR THE EFFICIENT
ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER RIGHTS AS MAY BE ULTIMATELY
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.

John M. Melanson
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication

