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DISTRICT COURT-SRBA  
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

|                |   |                             |
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| In Re SRBA     | ) | SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND |
|                | ) | RECOMMENDATION; FINDINGS OF |
| Case No. 39576 | ) | FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW |
|                | ) |                             |
|                | ) |                             |
|                | ) | FOR WATER RIGHT 37-13719    |

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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for this water right by the United States, USDA Forest Service. The Director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources examined the water system for this reporting area. This claim was based only on state law, and asserted a priority date of June 1, 1885. The *Director's Report* contained a recommendation for the elements of this water right. At the hearing on March 7, 2002, IDWR reported that it had investigated the priority date prior to issuing the *Director's Report*.

Objections were filed by Pickett Ranch & Sheep Co., Joe Tugaw, Jared Bedke, Bruce Bedke, Joyce Livestock Company, Jerry Hoagland, Scott Bedke, Karl Bedke, Michael Poulton, Gary Poulton and Western Stockgrowers Association (hereafter "Objectors"). The "Objectors" filed a *Notice of Withdrawal of Objections* on January 29, 2002, and the *Objection* was dismissed with prejudice. There are no unresolved objections remaining.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The United States claimed this right under state law. There is no assertion that this right is based on a federal reservation. The United States claimed the priority date as June 1, 1885. That priority claim was investigated by IDWR and recommended in the *Director's Report*. Recommendations in *Director's Reports* have *prima facie* weight as set forth in I.C. § 42-1411(4)-(5). Where the *Director's Report* draws a conclusion as to priority date, the *prima facie* weight afforded the *Director's Report* confers a presumption that sufficient proof has been made to

prevail on the issue, absent competent evidence to the contrary. If rebutted, the presumption disappears, and the party with the benefit of the presumption retains the burden of persuasion on the issue. *State v. Hagerman Water Right Owners*, 130 Idaho 736, 947 P.2d 409, 418 (1997). The *Director's Report* was not challenged.

Based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that this right be decreed with the elements set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendation for Partial Decree*.

DATED: April 9, 2002.

  
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BRIGETTE BILYEU  
Special Master  
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO  
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR

Water Right 37-13719

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NAME AND ADDRESS: USDA FOREST SERVICE  
550 W FORT ST, MSC 033  
BOISE, ID 83724

SOURCE: SPRING

TRIBUTARY: SINKS

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000  
GALLONS PER DAY.

PRIORITY DATE: 06/01/1885

POINT OF DIVERSION: T01N R14E S01 SWSW Within Camas County

PURPOSE AND

| PERIOD OF USE: | PURPOSE OF USE | PERIOD OF USE  | QUANTITY |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
|                | Stockwater     | 06-01 TO 10-31 | 0.02 CFS |

PLACE OF USE: Stockwater Within Camas County  
T01N R14E S01 SWSW

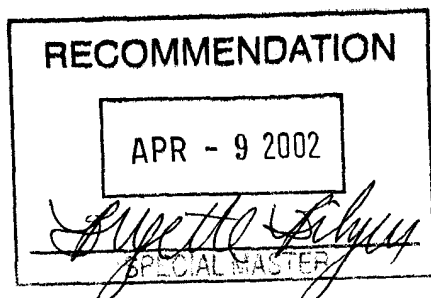
OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

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.



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Roger Burdick  
Presiding Judge of the  
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF  
SPECIAL MASTER'S  
RECOMMENDATION

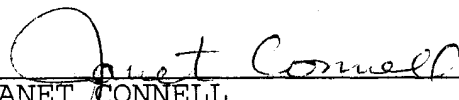
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On April 09, 2002, Special Master BRIGETTE BILYEU issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 April 09, 2002.

  
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JANET CONNELL  
Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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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 April 09, 2002, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Represented by:  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ENVIRONMENT & NATL' RESOURCES  
550 WEST FORT STREET, MSC 033  
BOISE, ID 83724  
Phone: 208-387-0835

  
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