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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	)	SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND
	)	RECOMMENDATION; FINDINGS OF
Case No. 39576	)	FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
	)	
	)	FOR WATER RIGHT NOS.: 37-20026
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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for this water right pursuant to I.C. § 42-1409. The Director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources examined the water system for this reporting area. The *Director's Report* contained a recommendation for the elements of this water right. This claim was based only on state law, and asserted an early priority date.

An *Objection* was filed by the USDA Forest Service on September 10, 1999. *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 "Second Objectors") on September 10, 1999.

The "Second Objectors" filed a *Notice of Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* on August 29, 2002. The remaining *Objection* was resolved with the filing of a *Standard Form 5/Amended Claim* on December 2, 2002. All parties to the subcase and IDWR are signatories to the *Standard Form 5/Amended Claim*. The *Standard Form 5/Amended Claim* was placed on the Docket Sheet. No objections were filed and the time for filing such objections has now expired. There are no unresolved objections remaining in this subcase.

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 an early priority date for this right. The priority date was investigated by IDWR and recommended in the *Director's Report*. The *Director's Report* has *prima facie* weight.

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

DATED: February 5, 2003.



BRIGETTE BILYEU
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

Water Right(s): 37-20026

On February 05, 2003, 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 February 05, 2003.


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Water Right(s) : 37-20026

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 February 05, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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