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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 FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**
Case No. 39576	)	**FOR WATER RIGHT NOS.: 37-13430, 37-13449, 37-13486, 37-13492, 37-13494, 37-13513, 37-13569, 37-13644, 37-19966, and 37-20006**

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

Claims were filed for these water rights 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 recommendations for the elements of these water rights. The claims were based only on state law, and asserted early priority dates.

Objections were 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 *Objections* were resolved with the filing of *Standard Forms 5/Amended Claims* on December 2, 2002. All parties to the subcases and IDWR are signatories to the *Standard Forms 5/Amended Claims*. The *Standard Forms 5/Amended Claims* were 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 these subcases.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The United States claimed these rights under state law. There is no assertion that these rights are based on a federal reservation. The United States claimed early priority dates for these rights. The priority dates were 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 these water rights be decreed with the elements set forth in the ***Special Master's Recommendations for Partial Decrees.***

DATED: February 5, 2003.

BRIGETTE BILYEU
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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SRBA
CO., IDAHO

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	NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION Water Right(s): 37-13430 37-13449 37-13486 37-13492 37-13494 37-13513 37-13569 37-13644 37-19966 37-20006

On February 06, 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 06, 2003.

Janet Connell

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Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Water Right(s): 37-13430
37-13449 37-13486 37-13492
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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 February 06, 2003, 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

Janet Connell
JANET CONNELL
Deputy Clerk

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	)	PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
	)	I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Case No. 39576	)	
	)	Water Right 37-13486

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NAME AND ADDRESS:	USDA FOREST SERVICE 550 W FORT ST, MSC 033 BOISE, ID 83724
SOURCE:	BIG WOOD RIVER TRIBUTARY: MALAD RIVER
QUANTITY:	0.02 CFS

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

PRIORITY DATE:	06/01/1890		
POINT OF DIVERSION:	T05N R17E S15	NESE	(Instream Beginning Point) Within Blaine County
	S25	SWSW	(Instream Ending Point)

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 Blaine County
T05N R17E S14	NWSW	SWSW
S15	NESE	
S23	SWNE	NENW
	NWNW	SENW
	NWSE	SWSE
	SESE	
S25	NWSW	SWSW
S26	NENE	NWNE
	SENE	NESE
	SESE	

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.

RECOMMENDATION
FEB 05 2003
SPECIAL MASTER

Roger Burdick
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication