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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.: 37-13430,
	)	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.

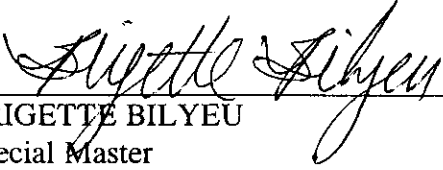
The "Second Objectors" filed a *Notice of Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* on August 29, 2002. The remaining *Objections* were resolved with the filing of *Standard Forms 5/Amended Claims* on December 2, 2002. All parties to the subcases and IDWR are signatories to the *Standard Forms 5/Amended 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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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

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37-13494 37-13513 37-13569
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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.



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Deputy Clerk

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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 February 06, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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