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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)
Case No. 39576) Subcase 82-10298
) (USDI/FS)
)
_____) SPECIAL MASTER REPORT

Findings of Fact

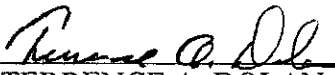
The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report for Domestic and Stockwater, Reporting Area 22 (IDWR Basin 82)* on March 19, 1999. The Director recommended 82-10298 to the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 550 W. Fort Street, MSC 033, Boise, Idaho 83724, for .02 cfs from Merron Creek for instream stockwater use in Idaho County from May 1 to October 31 with a priority date of May 1, 1897, based on beneficial use.

The United States filed an *Objection* on September 17, 1999, objecting to source. On September 5, 2002, the Special Master entered an *Order Granting Withdrawal of Objections and Responses* allowing objectors / respondents Bedke, *et al.*, to withdraw their objections and responses before responsive pleadings were filed. Finally, on December 17, 2002, the United States and IDWR filed an *Amended Claim Standard Form 5* agreeing to an amended source.

Conclusions of Law

The United States of America is entitled to a partial decree adjudicating a water right as described in the *Amended Claim Standard Form 5* and the attached *Special Master Recommendation for Partial Decree for Water Right 82-10298*.

DATED January 29, 2003.


TERRENCE A. DOLAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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

Case No. 39576)

Water Right 82-10298

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

SOURCE: MERRON CREEK

TRIBUTARY: MELTON CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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

PRIORITY DATE: 05/01/1897

POINT OF DIVERSION: T27N R04E S09 NWNE (Instream Beginning Point) Within Idaho County
T28N R04E S33 NWSW (Instream Ending Point)

PURPOSE AND

PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Stockwater	05-01 TO 10-31	0.02 CFS

PLACE OF USE:	Stockwater	Within Idaho County
	T27N R04E S04	NWNW
		SENW
		NWSE
	S09	NWNE
	T28N R04E S33	NWSW
		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.

RECOMMENDATION

JAN 29 2003

Ronald A. DeLo
SPECIAL MASTER

Roger Burdick
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Water Right(s): 82-10298

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 January 29, 2003, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDA FOREST SERVICE
Represented by:
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT & NATL' RESOURCES
550 WEST FORT STREET, MSC 033
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Robbin Hall
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

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On January 29, 2003, 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 January 29, 2003.

Robbin Hall
ROBBIN HALL
Deputy Clerk