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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
Case No. 39576	)	
	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
	)	
	)	Subcase 57-000276 and 57-000278

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

A *Notice of Claim* was 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.

No objections were filed to the Original *Director's Report* in the above listed water rights.

In *A&B Irrigation Dist. v. Idaho Conservation League*, 131 Idaho 411, 423, 958 P.2d 568, 580 (1998), the Idaho Supreme Court remanded to the SRBA Court with the directive to include specific dates for the period of use element. Following remand, on July 26, 1999, IDWR filed a *Supplemental Director's Report, Reporting Area 2, IDWR Basin 57, Regarding Revision of Period of Use (For Irrigation Water Uses) and Conjunctive Management General Provisions*, which included an irrigation period of use recommendation for this water right. The recommendation also contained the following "subordination language."

DIVERTING WATER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PERIOD OF USE UNDER
THIS RIGHT IS ALLOWED PROVIDED:

- A. THE WATERS SO DIVERTED ARE APPLIED TO A BENEFICIAL USE, AND
- B. THE EXISTING RIGHTS AND FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS ARE FIRST SATISFIED.

On March 27, 2002, the SRBA District Court issued an *Order of Reference Appointing Thomas Cushman Special Master* to determine the issue regarding the period of use subordination language for these water rights.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This "subordination language" was recommended by IDWR in an attempt to satisfy the issues raised by the Idaho Supreme Court in *State of Idaho v. Idaho Conservation League*, 131 Idaho 329, 955 P.2d 1108 (1998), regarding "excess water." However, because the use of "excess water" is no longer being recommended as a general provision¹, this Special Master finds that the subordination language is no longer necessary and should not be included in the partial decree for these water rights

III. RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, based on the file and record herein and pursuant to the *Supplemental Director's Report* and the *Notice of Administrative Proceeding* changing ownership, IT IS RECOMMENDED that partial decrees be issued for these water rights with the elements as set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendations for Partial Decrees Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b) for water rights 57-00276 and 57-00278*.

Dated October 10, 2002.



THOMAS CUSHMAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

¹ For a comprehensive discussion regarding the "excess water" general provision, see the *Special Master's Report and Recommendation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, For General Provisions in Basin 57 Designated as Basin-Wide Issue 5-57* (September 11, 2002).

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In Re SRBA)
) PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
) I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Case No. 39576)
) Water Right 57-00278

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NAME AND ADDRESS: TOM HOOK
HC 88 BOX 1095
MURPHY, ID 83650

SOURCE: REYNOLDS CREEK TRIBUTARY: SNAKE RIVER

QUANTITY: 0.60 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 10/27/1987

POINT OF DIVERSION: T01S R03W S02 SESWSE Within Owyhee County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	03-15 TO 11-15	0.60 CFS
	Stockwater	01-01 TO 12-31	0.02 CFS

PLACE OF USE: Irrigation Within Owyhee County
T01S R03W S01 SWNW 26.0
26.0 Acres Total

Stockwater Within Owyhee County
T01S R03W S01 SWNW

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

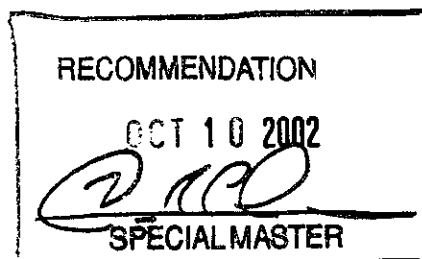
RIGHT NO. 57-00276 IS ALSO DIVERTED THROUGH POINT OF
DIVERSION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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.

Roger Burdick
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication



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In Re SRBA)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Case No. 39576)
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Water Right(s): 57-00276
57-00278

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 October 10, 2002, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

DIRECTOR OF IDWR
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DEBBIE LASH
Deputy Clerk

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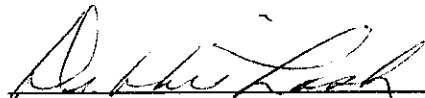
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On October 10, 2002, Special Master THOMAS R CUSHMAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 October 10, 2002.


DEBBIE LASH
Deputy Clerk