

DISTRICT COURT - SRBA
TWIN FALLS CO., IDAHO
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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
	)	
Case No. 39576	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
	)	
	)	FOR WATER RIGHT 61-11319
	)	

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for the above-captioned 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 or abstract for the elements of this water right. This water right was claimed by the United States of America, Bureau of Land Management, based upon state-law, and as a federal reserve water right pursuant to Public Water Reserve 107. On December 3, 1997, the State of Idaho filed an objection to the *Director's Report*, asserting that the priority date for the right should be no earlier than June 28, 1934.

On January 11, 2005, the parties to the subcase participated in a hearing pursuant to I.C. § 42-1411A(12) regarding the federal reserve basis of the claim. At the hearing, this Special Master considered the *Affidavit of Robert R. Mallis*, filed on July 31, 2003, which demonstrates that the above-captioned water right claim meets the elements of a valid federal reserve water right pursuant to PWR-107.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Therefore based on the file and record herein and pursuant to the information contained in the *Affidavit of Robert R. Mallis*, and upon the comments of counsel at the hearing, IT IS

RECOMMENDED that water right 61-11319 be **decreed** with the elements as set forth in the attached *Recommendation for Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b)*.

Dated January 11, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore R Booth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

THEODORE R BOOTH
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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In Re SRBA)
) PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
) I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Case No. 39576)
) Water Right 61-11319

NAME AND ADDRESS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDI BLM
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709

SOURCE: COMMERFORD SPRINGS TRIBUTARY: BENNETT CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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

PRIORITY DATE: 04/17/1926

THIS WATER RIGHT IS CLAIMED BASED ON FEDERAL LAW WITH AN
APRIL 17, 1926, DATE OF PRIORITY PURSUANT TO AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
SIGNED THE SAME DATE AND KNOWN AS PUBLIC WATER RESERVE 107.

POINT OF DIVERSION: T05S R08E S10 NESWSW Within Elmore County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Stockwater	01-01 TO 12-31	0.02 CFS

PLACE OF USE: Stockwater Within Elmore County
T05S R08E S10 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.

John M. Melanson
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication

RECOMMENDATION

JAN 12 2005

[Signature]
SPECIAL MASTER

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Water Right(s): 61-11319

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 12, 2005, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING


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Deputy Clerk

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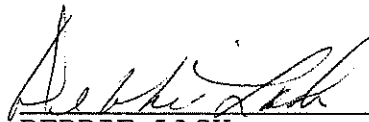
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On January 12, 2005, Special Master THEODORE R. BOOTH issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 12, 2005.



DEBBIE LASH
Deputy Clerk