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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: 29-58
	)	(Digital Boundary- McCammon Ditch Co.)

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for this 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 for the elements of this water right.

An *Objection* was filed by the United States Bureau of Land Management on November 13, 2003. An *Objection* was filed by McCammon Ditch Co., Ltd. on November 17, 2003. The *Objections* were resolved on April 22, 2004 with the filing of a *Standard Form 5*. All parties to the subcase and IDWR are signatories to the *Standard Form 5*.

II. ANALYSIS

A. Place of Use/Digital Boundary

The place of use element for this water right is described by a digital boundary rather than by legal description with legal subdivisions such as Township, Range, Section, and Quarter- Quarter designations. The place of use element was changed during the litigation process and differs from the digital boundary on file with IDWR at the time the *Director's Report* was filed.

B. Recommendation for Place of Use Description Using Digital Boundary.

On July 1, 2002, the Idaho Legislature approved the use of digital boundaries for describing the place of use for water rights meeting certain criteria. I.C. § 42-219(2) (licenses) and I.C. § 42-1411 (2) (h) (*Director's Reports*) Digital boundary descriptions of the place of use rely on Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology. This technology provides a description of the place of use for a water right to be identified and visually displayed in a map overlay format through the aid of computer technology.

Digital boundary descriptions of the place of use are permitted for water rights that are for irrigation purposes of use and meet one of the following criteria: (1) used in conjunction with an irrigation project where the canals constructed cover an area of twenty-five thousand (25,000) acres or more; (2) the place of use for the water rights is located within an irrigation district organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho; or (3) the water rights are for an irrigation project developed by an association, company, corporation or the United States to divert and deliver or distribute surface water under any annual charge or rental for beneficial use by more than five (5) water users in an area less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) acres. I.C. § 42-219(2)(5)(6); I.C. § 42-1411 (2) (h)

This water right meets the statutory criteria and may be described by a digital boundary.¹ Therefore, this water right is recommended using a digital boundary and with the following additional language as set forth in the attached *Recommendation for Partial Decree*:

The boundary encompassing the place of use for this water right is described with a digital boundary as defined by I.C. § 42-202B(2) and authorized pursuant to I.C. § 42-1411(2)(h). The data comprising the digital boundary are incorporated herein by reference and are stored on a CD-ROM disk issued in duplicate originals on file with the SRBA District Court and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. A map depicting the place of use is attached hereto to illustrate the place of use described by the digital boundary.

¹ In incorporating a digital boundary into a partial decree, the electronic or digital data is what is actually decreed as opposed to the map generated from the data. The map generated from the data is for illustrative purposes. The digital data is stored on a CD-ROM and is incorporated by reference into the *Special Master's Report and Recommendation* and recommendation for partial decree. Duplicate originals of the CD-ROM will be issued. The SRBA District Court retains one original together with the original partial decree, and the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) retains the other original. Upon request, the claimant can obtain a copy of the CD-ROM from IDWR at no cost, although GIS software will still be required to access the data. Subsequent administrative changes, if any, to the place of use will also be stored in a digital format and kept on file and maintained by IDWR. IDWR will maintain all computer software and/or hardware necessary for reducing the data to a usable format that is accessible to the general public, including access through the IDWR Internet website (www.idwr.state.id.us) or its successor Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

C. Digital Boundary on CD-Rom Filed July 9, 2004

The place of use agreed on by the parties and IDWR is illustrated by the map overlay attached to the *Recommendation for Partial Decree*. The digital boundary for the place of use is described on the CD-Rom filed July 9, 2004.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Therefore, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that this water right be decreed with the elements set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendation for Partial Decree*.

DATED: November 29, 2005.



BRIGETTE BILYEU
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 29-00058

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NAME AND ADDRESS: MC CAMMON DITCH CO LTD
10192 S HALL RD
MC CAMMON, ID 83250

SOURCE: PORTNEUF RIVER TRIBUTARY: SNAKE RIVER

QUANTITY: 18.95 CFS

USE OF THE RIGHTS LISTED BELOW IS LIMITED TO A TOTAL COMBINED
DIVERSION RATE OF 68.95 CFS. COMBINED RIGHT NOS.: 29-57, 29-58,
29-13311 AND 29-13317.

PRIORITY DATE: 06/28/1901

POINT OF DIVERSION: T09S R37E S21 LOT 1 (SENE) Within Bannock County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	04-15 TO 09-15	18.95 CFS

THE USE OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION UNDER THIS RIGHT MAY BEGIN AS
EARLY AS APRIL 1 AND MAY CONTINUE TO AS LATE AS OCTOBER 31,
PROVIDED OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE RIGHT ARE NOT EXCEEDED. THE USE
OF WATER BEFORE APRIL 15 AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 UNDER THIS
REMARK IS SUBORDINATE TO ALL WATER RIGHTS HAVING NO SUBORDINATED
EARLY OR LATE IRRIGATION USE AND A PRIORITY DATE EARLIER THAN
THE DATE A PARTIAL DECREE IS ENTERED FOR THIS RIGHT.

PLACE OF USE:

2794.5 ACRES TOTAL

THE BOUNDARY ENCOMPASSING THE PLACE OF USE FOR THIS WATER RIGHT
IS DESCRIBED WITH A DIGITAL BOUNDARY AS DEFINED BY I.C. SECTION
42-202B(2) AND AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO I.C. SECTION 42-1411(2)(H).
THE DATA COMPRISING THE DIGITAL BOUNDARY ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN
BY REFERENCE AND ARE STORED ON A CD-ROM DISK ISSUED IN DUPLICATE
ORIGINALS ON FILE WITH THE SRBA DISTRICT COURT AND THE IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. A MAP DEPICTING THE PLACE OF USE
IS ATTACHED HERETO TO ILLUSTRATE THE PLACE OF USE DESCRIBED BY
THE DIGITAL BOUNDARY.

USE OF THIS RIGHT WITH RIGHT NO. 29-57 IS LIMITED TO THE
IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 2447.57 ACRES IN A SINGLE
IRRIGATION SEASON.

USE OF THE RIGHTS LISTED BELOW IS LIMITED TO THE IRRIGATION OF
A COMBINED TOTAL OF 2794.5 ACRES IN A SINGLE IRRIGATION SEASON.
COMBINED RIGHT NOS.: 29-57, 29-58, 29-13311, 29-13317.

THE USE OF THIS RIGHT DOES NOT INCLUDE USE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC
LAND.

PLACE OF USE IS WITHIN THE AREA SERVED BY THE MCCAMMON DITCH
COMPANY LTD.

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

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)

RECOMMENDATION

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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

Claim No.:
29-57
29-58
29-13311
29-13317

McCammon Ditch Co Service Area Boundary

Boundary
Township/Range
Sections

Water Department of Water Resources
1987-88 NAPP Photography
Prepared by: Susan Calica
Date Prepared: July 2004



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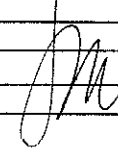
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County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho

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SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

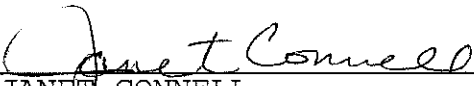
Water Right(s): 29-00058

On November 29, 2005, 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 November 29, 2005.


JANET CONNELL
Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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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 November 29, 2005, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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BOISE, ID 83720-0098

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PO BOX 6009
POCATELLO, ID 83205
Phone: 208-232-4471

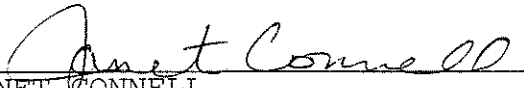
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Represented by:
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT & NATL' RESOURCES
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BOISE, ID 83724

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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