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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
	)	
	)	WATER RIGHTS: 25-4085 and 25-4086
	)	(Digital Boundary - Independent
	)	Irrigation Co.)

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.

Objections were filed by the United States Bureau of Land Management on June 22, 2005. The *Objections* were resolved on September 23, 2005 with the filing of *Standard Forms 5*. All parties to the subcase and IDWR are signatories to the *Standard Forms 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 December 5, 2005.

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 December 5, 2005.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Therefore, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that these water rights be decreed with the elements set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendations for Partial Decrees*.

DATED: December 8, 2005.


BRIGETTE BILYEU
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 25-04085

NAME AND ADDRESS: INDEPENDENT IRRIGATION CO
755 N 3400 E
MENAN, ID 83434

SOURCE: SCOTTS SLOUGH TRIBUTARY: SINKS

QUANTITY: 44.00 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 06/01/1884

POINT OF DIVERSION: T05N R38E S26 NESWNW Within Jefferson County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	04-01 TO 10-31	44.00 CFS
	Stockwater	01-01 TO 12-31	0.14 CFS

PLACE OF USE:

3490 ACRES TOTAL

PLACE OF USE IS WITHIN THE AREA SERVED BY INDEPENDENT IRRIGATION COMPANY.

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.

THIS RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE IRRIGATION OF 2200 ACRES WITHIN THE PLACE OF USE DESCRIBED ABOVE IN A SINGLE IRRIGATION SEASON. PLACE OF USE DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS.

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

THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT FOR STOCKWATER USE IS NOT A DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

RIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN CLAIMED TO WATER FROM BASIN 01 FOR THE SAME PURPOSE OF USE AT THE SAME PLACE OF USE DESCRIBED ABOVE, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN A DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO BE FILED AT A LATER DATE. ANY WATER RIGHTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BASIN 01 REPORT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE OF USE AT THE SAME PLACE OF USE DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL CONTAIN COMBINED USE LIMITATIONS FOR THIS RIGHT AND THE BASIN 01 RIGHTS.

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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Angela Schen
SPECIAL MASTER

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

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Water Right 25-04086

NAME AND ADDRESS: INDEPENDENT IRRIGATION CO
755 N 3400 E
MENAN, ID 83434

SOURCE: WASTE WATER TRIBUTARY: SCOTT'S SLOUGH

QUANTITY: 54.00 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 06/01/1985

POINT OF DIVERSION: T05N R38E S26 NESWNW Within Jefferson County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	04-01 TO 10-31	54.00 CFS
	Stockwater	01-01 TO 12-31	0.14 CFS

PLACE OF USE:

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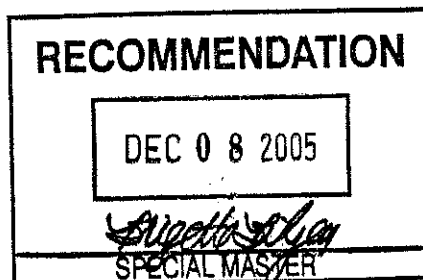
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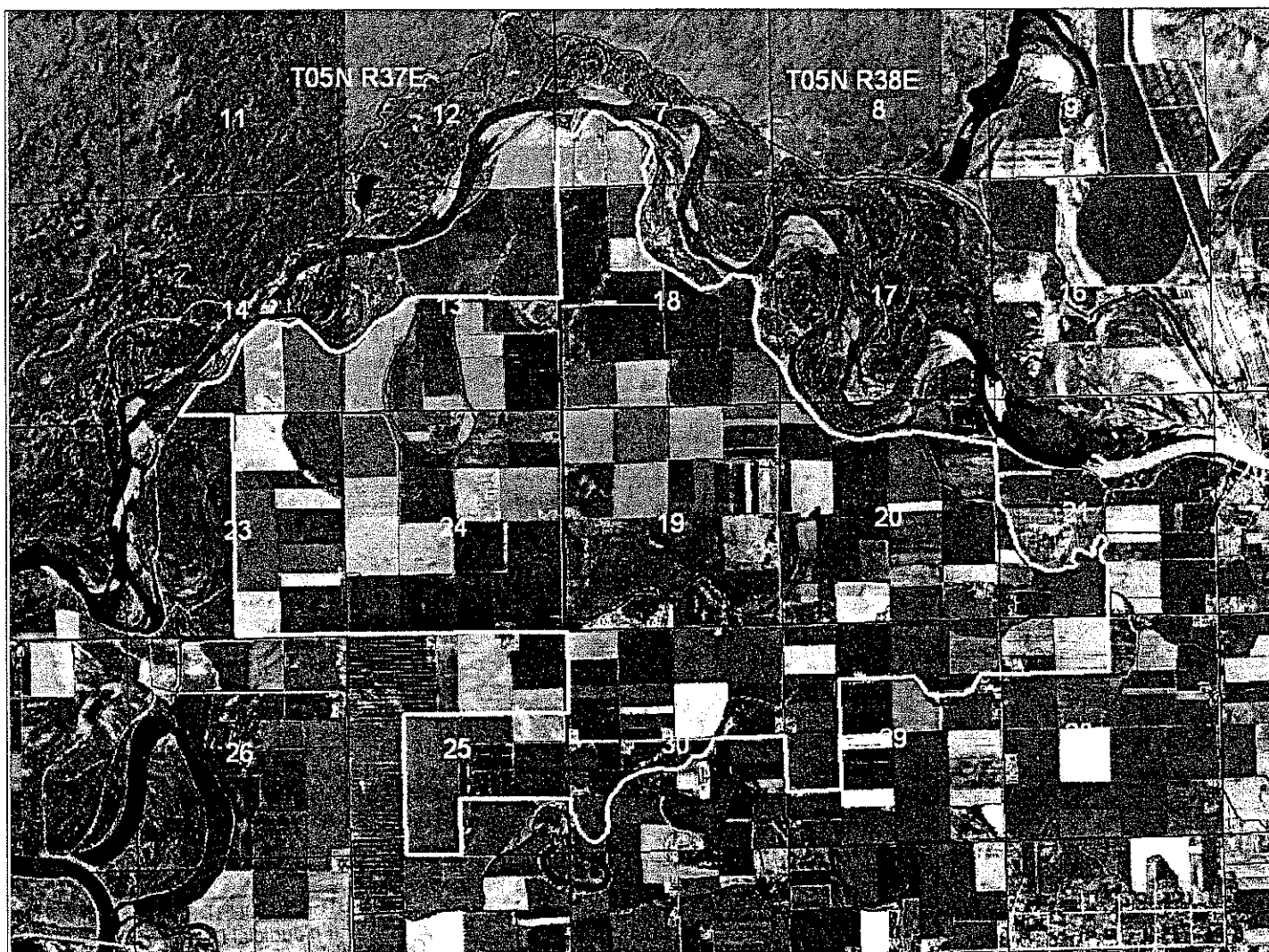
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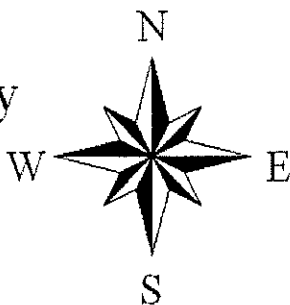
Water Right No.: 25-4085, 25-4086

Independent Irrigation Co.



0 1 2 3 Miles

- Service Area Boundary
- Township/Range
- Sections



GIS Place of Use Illustration
1987 NAPP Photography
Prepared by: Ernie Carlsen
Date: August 2005

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

Water Right(s): 25-04085
25-04086

On December 08, 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 December 08, 2005.



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Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Water Right(s): 25-04085
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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 December 08, 2005, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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