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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	)	Subcases 45-13465, 45-13466 and 45-13467
	)	(USDI/BLM)
Case No. 39576	)	
_____	)	AMENDED SPECIAL MASTER REPORT

Findings of Fact

The United States of America, Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657, filed *Notices of Claims to Water Rights* under claim numbers 43-10917, 43-10919 and 43-10921 each claiming .02 cfs from springs for year-round stockwater use in Cassia County with a priority date of January 1, 1873, based on beneficial use. The United States also based its claims on PWR 107. The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report, Domestic & Stock, Reporting Area 7, IDWR Basin 43* on March 2, 1998. The Director recommended the dual-based claims be disallowed: "Claim incomplete."

The United States filed *Objections* on July 2, 1998, objecting to the claims not being recommended: "This claim is actually located in Basin 45 and should be recommended and assigned a Basin 45 number." On June 27, 2002, IDWR filed a *Notice of Completed Administrative Proceeding* stating: "Number change: Original numbers in wrong administrative basin." Claims 43-10917, 43-10919 and 43-10921 was then assigned new claim number 45-13465, 45-13466 and 45-13467, respectively.

The Special Master entered a *Special Master Report and Recommendation* on August 16, 2005, recommending that claims 43-10917, 43-10919 and 43-10921 be dismissed because they were renumbered. Those claims were finally disallowed on October 13, 2005.

On August 18, 2005, the Presiding Judge inadvertently entered *Partial Decrees* for claims 45-13465, 45-13466 and 45-13467, but the elements were left blank. Those *Partial Decrees* were withdrawn and set aside on September 1, 2005.

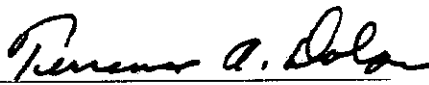
An I.C. § 42-1411A evidentiary hearing was held by telephone on November 3, 2005. R. Lee Leininger appeared for the United States, along with Fredric W. Price, and Nicholas B. Spencer appeared for IDWR. The United States submitted the *Affidavit of Fredric W. Price*, filed November 2, 2005. Mr. Price, a water rights specialist in the BLM state office, stated that: the federal law basis of the claim is an Executive Order, dated April 17, 1926, and known as Public Water Reserve 107; the claim is located on unreserved federal public domain as of April 17, 1926; the land currently remains under Department of Interior administration; the claimed water source was confirmed by field investigation; there is sufficient surface water at the claimed site for consumptive use by livestock; the source is a spring located at the claimed point of diversion; and the place of use is correctly described in three attachments to his *Affidavit*.

The Special Master entered a *Special Master Report* on November 3, 2005, and counsel for the United States contacted the SRBA Court on December 16, 2005, to note errors in legal descriptions of the points of diversion in subcases 45-13466 and 45-13467. A hearing on the matter was held by telephone on January 19, 2006, and counsel for IDWR agreed that the points of diversion claimed by the United States were accurate as were the points of diversion described in the *Affidavit of Fredric W. Price*. The errors were only in the *Special Master Recommendations*. Those errors have been corrected in the attached *Amended Special Master Recommendations*.

Conclusions of Law

The United States is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating federal reserved water rights under claims 45-13465, 45-13466 and 45-13467 with a priority date of April 17, 1926, as described in the attachments to Mr. Price's *Affidavit* and the attached *Amended Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees for Federal Reserved Water Rights 45-13465, 45-13466 and 45-13467*.

DATED January 19, 2006.


TERRENCE A. DOLAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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In Re SRBA)
Case No. 39576)

AMENDED
PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 45-13465

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NAME AND ADDRESS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

SOURCE: SPRING IRRIGATORY: SINKS

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 DECREED 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: T15S R22E S25 NENSW Within Cassia 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 Cassia County
T15S R22E S25 NWSW

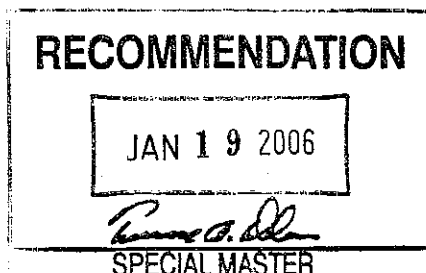
OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

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
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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
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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
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USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: SINKS

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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PRIORITY DATE: 04/17/1926

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POINT OF DIVERSION: T15S R22E S25 NWSEW Within Cassia 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 Cassia County
T15S R22E S25 SESW

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JAN 19 2006

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SPECIAL MASTER

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Water Right 45-13467

NAME AND ADDRESS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
1387 S VINNELL WAY
BOISE, ID 83709-1657

SOURCE: SPRING IRIUARY: SINKS

QUANTITY: 0.02 CFS

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PRIORITY DATE: 04/17/1926

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POINT OF DIVERSION: I15S R22E S23 SWNWNE Within Cassia 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 Cassia County
I15S R22E S23 NWNE

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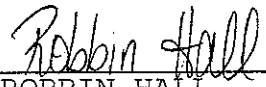
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on January 19, 2006, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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PO BOX 83720
BOISE, ID 83720-0098

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDI BLM

Represented by:
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT & NATL' RESOURCES
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
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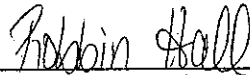
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On January 19, 2006, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 19, 2006.



ROBBIN HALL
Deputy Clerk