

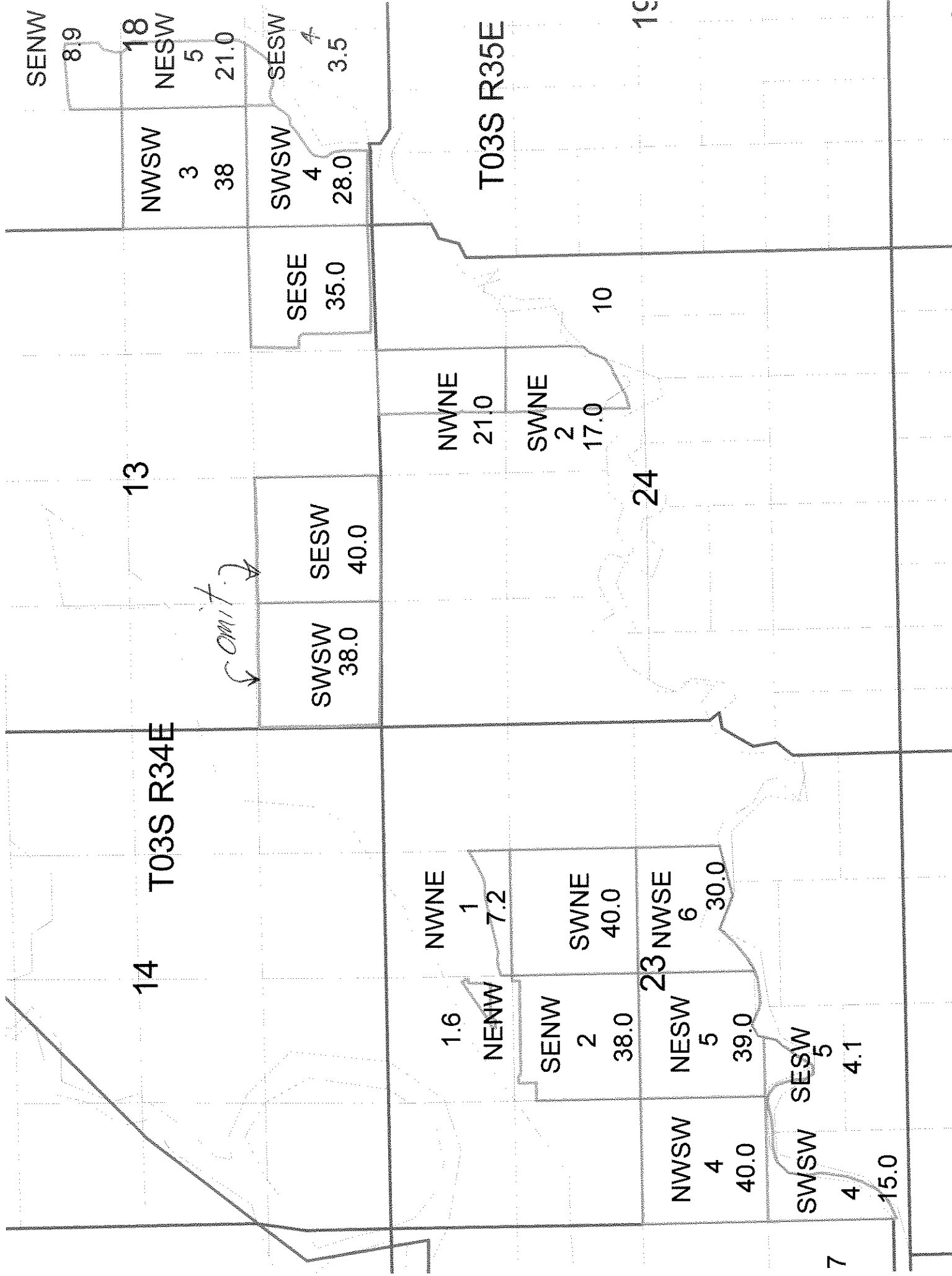
Initial hearing

7-26-06

- Signed stipulation

reducing average 387.3.

Omitted - SWSW $\frac{1}{2}$ SESW Sec 13. 35 34E.



ATTACHMENT

E. REASON SUPPORTING OBJECTIONS

ELEMENT 3. QUANTITY. In order to administer all surface and groundwater rights on the Blackfoot River, it is necessary for the total annual volume of diversion to be decreed with respect to each and every water right in Basin 27. The Director's report recommends the total annual diversion volume for some, but not all, water rights. This water right is one of those where this necessary element is omitted. Tribal water rights are defined by the total annual diversion volume. See, e.g., Tribal Water Right No. 27-11375.ii. The Partial Final Consent Decree Determining the Rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to the Use of Water in the Upper Snake River Basin, (August 2, 1995), contains a provision whereby, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation and the United States agree to effectively subordinate the exercise of tribal water right No. 27-11375 to certain private surface water rights in the Blackfoot River. See water right No. 27-11375.x.d. The subordination provision was based upon an estimate that the total annual diversion volume of these water rights would not exceed 45,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) in total annual diversion volume. Thus, in order to comply with the above-referenced Decree of this Court, to administer all water rights in the basin and to comply with Idaho water law, it is necessary that all water right decrees issued by the Court in this basin must include a total annual diversion volume measured in acre-feet per year (AFY).

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has reported to the Court on a general methodology to estimate annual volumes of water required at field headgates throughout the state of Idaho. See "Report Regarding Development of Standards for Annual Volume of Irrigation Requirements at the Field Headgate" (August 1, 1996). Maps of Basin 27 identify that field headgate requirements are 4.0 acre-feet per acre in the lower reaches of the watershed and 3.5 acre-feet per acre in the upper watershed. The Technical Team (state, federal and tribal representatives) utilized in the final negotiations for the Partial Final Consent Decree for the Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement estimated an average conveyance efficiency of 66 percent for the overall basin. Applying this efficiency to the field headgate diversion volumes noted above, results in river diversion volumes of 6.0 acre-feet per acre and 5.3 acre-feet per acre in the lower and upper areas, respectively, of Basin 27. These figures should be applied to derive the total annual volume for this water right.

In addition, the quantity of use should be reduced to account for the water rights transferred from the same tract of land. See Element 9, *infra*.

ELEMENT 9. PLACE OF USE. Water Transfers 2445 and 2468 document that 1.49 cubic feet per second (cfs) of Blackfoot River surface water rights associated with 74.5 acres of land were transferred from the Stechlein property in Section 23, T35, R34E. IDWR records document that there have not been any subsequent transfers to the Stechlein property to replace these water rights. Therefore, the combined total irrigated acreage base should be reduced from 466 acres to 391.5 acres.

D. I object to the following elements as recommended in the Director's Report. (Please check the appropriate box(es)).

1. ☐ **Name and Address**
Should be: _____
2. ☐ **Source**
Should be: _____
3. ☒ **Quantity** Reduced due to transfer(s). Must include the total annual volume of diversion, as necessary for the proper administration of the water right.
Should be: _____
4. ☐ **Priority Date**
Should be: _____
5. ☐ **Point of Diversion**
Should be: _____
6. ☐ **Instream Flow Beginning and Ending Point**
Should be: _____
7. ☐ **Purpose(s) of Use**
Should be: _____
8. ☐ **Period of Year**
Should be: _____
9. ☒ **Place of Use** 391.5 acres, subtracting approved transfer acreage of 74.5 acres.
Should be: _____
10. ☐ **I object because:**
☐ This water right Should not exist.

☐ This water right was not recommended, but Should be recommended with the elements described above.

E. REASONS SUPPORTING OBJECTIONS(S): _____

See Attachment _____