

In Re SRBA) PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
) I.R.C.P. 54 (b) FOR
Case No. 39576)
)
) Water Right 74-15544

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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 74-15461, et al.
	) (see list of 21 subcases attached)
Case No. 39576	) (USDI / BLM)
	)
_____	) SPECIAL MASTER REPORT

Findings of Fact

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report, Reporting Area 23, IDWR Basin 74* on January 23, 2006. The Director recommended the above 21 claims to the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657, for .02 cfs from various springs for year-'round stockwater use in Lemhi County with a priority date of June 28, 1934, based on beneficial use. The Director added the following language under priority date:

4 / 17 / 1926 Claimed under federal reserved water right.
This water right is also 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.

On June 28, 2006, the United States filed *Objections* to quantity. On September 4, 2007, the United States, with IDWR's concurrence, filed *Standard Forms 5* agreeing to eliminate combined use remarks.

On November 15, 2007, an I.C. § 42-1411A evidentiary hearing was held by telephone and the United States offered the *Affidavit of Fredric W. Price*. R. Lee Leininger appeared for the United States, along with Mr. Price, and Chris M. Bromley appeared for IDWR.

In his *Affidavit*, Mr. Price, a water rights specialist in the BLM state office, stated: the federal law basis of the claims is Executive Order, dated April 17, 1926, and known as Public Water Reserve 107; the claims are located on unreserved federal public domain as of April 17, 1926; the lands currently remain under U.S. Department of Interior administration; the claimed water sources were confirmed by field investigation; there is sufficient surface water at the claimed sites for consumptive use by livestock; and the sources are springs or waterholes located at the claimed points of diversion and places of use described in the *SF-5*'s. In addition, Mr. Price added a further lot description to the point of diversion and place of use for claim 74-15461.

Conclusions of Law

The United States is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating federal reserved water rights with a priority date of April 17, 1926, as described in the *SF-5*'s, Mr. Price's *Affidavit* and the attached *Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees for Federal Reserved Water Rights*.

DATED November 28, 2007.



TERRENCE A. DOLAN

Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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Water Right(s): 74-15461
(SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A)

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 28, 2007, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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Exhibit A

Subcase Nos:

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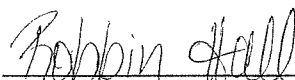
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On November 28, 2007, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

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 November 28, 2007.



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