

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re the General Adjudication
of the Rights to the Use of Water
from the Snake River Basin
Water System

Case No. 34-02553 -0001

The State of Idaho, ex rel.
R. Keith Higginson in his
official capacity as Director
of the Idaho Department of
Water Resources,

RESPONSE TO OBJECTION

Petitioner,

vs.

The United States; the State
of Idaho; and all Claimants to
the use of water from the Snake
River Basin Water System,

Respondents.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Person responding to objection:

Name: R. KEITH HIGGINSON, DIRECTOR

Address: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

IDWR is required to file a response to an objection to part
I of the director's report pursuant to I.C. section 42-1412(2).

(Over)

2. Person who filed objection:

Name: MITCHELL D SORENSEN
Address: RT 1 BOX 63C-1
MOORE ID 83255

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): A. LYNNE KROGH-HAMPE
Attorney Address: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL(S)
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 44449
BOISE, ID 83711-4449
Attorney Phone No.: (208) 327-7900

II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

1. ☒ Name and Address: I respond to the objection concerning the name and/or address of the owner of the water right.

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection item 1 and all allegations of the objection regarding this item, IDWR responds as follows.

This is a dispute over the ownership of a water right between the owner of the place of use (the United States) and the holder of a federal grazing permit to these lands (the objector). Generally, in landlord/tenant type disputes over the ownership of a water right based on appropriation, the water right is presumed to be owned by the owner of the place of use unless a mutual intent to the contrary is clearly shown. As to this water right, the objector did not file a notice of claim claiming the stockwater use recommended in this claim, and IDWR does not have information sufficient to overcome the presumption. IDWR therefore denies the objection and all allegations of the objection not expressly admitted herein.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director proposes no changes to the description of this claim in the Director's Report.

☒ Check here if you are submitting documents. Please list each document by the title and number of pages. You may use additional pages if necessary:

No. of
Pages

Notice of Claim No. A34-02553

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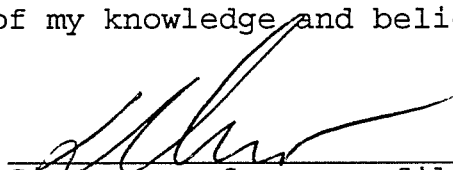
VERIFICATION (Must be Completed)

State of IDAHO

County of ADA

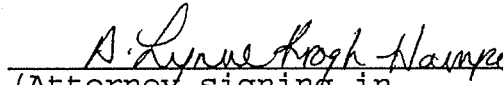
David B. Shaw, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

That R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, is a party to this proceeding, as defined by I.C. 42-1401A(1) and (7); that I am the Adjudication Bureau Chief for IDWR and am authorized by R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of IDWR, to verify this response; and that I have read the foregoing response, know its contents and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



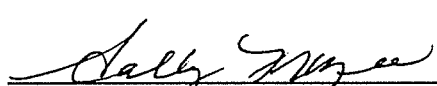
Signature of person filing response

By:



(Attorney signing in
representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July,
1993.



Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Buise ID
My Commission expires: 11-14-1998

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 19th day of July, 1993, I mailed the original and copies of the foregoing response, including all attachments, to the following persons, by mailing the original and/or true and correct copies, postage prepared and addressed as follows:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court
Snake River Basin Adjudication
253 Third Avenue North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707

2. One copy to the owner of the water right, and you must fill in the following information:

Name: US DEPT OF JUSTICE
Address: K JACK HAUGRUD & DARIA J ZANE
550 W FORT ST
BOX 33
BOISE ID 83734

3. One copy to the party who filed the objection, or if represented by an attorney, to their attorney; and you must fill in the following information:

Name: MITCHELL D SORENSEN
Address: RT 1 BOX 63C-1
MOORE ID 83255

N. Lynne Krogh-Hamper
Signature of Respondent or attorney
mailing on Respondent's behalf

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER
FROM THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MGMT.
IDAHO STATE OFFICE
3380 AMERICANA TERRACE
BOISE ID 83706
TELEPHONE: 208-334-1401

PRIORITY DATE: 1947-06-20
IDWR WATER RIGHT NO. 3402553
BLM NUMBER: 3403488039
BASIS OF CLAIM: BENEFICIAL USE
BASIN NO.: 34

SOURCE	TRIBUTARY TO
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SORENSEN SPRING	SINKS

DESCRIPTION OF DIVERSION WORKS

HEADBOX, PIPE, TROUGH

PURPOSE OF USE	DIVERSION RATE	DIVERSION VOLUME	PERIOD OF USE FROM	TO
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STOCKWATER	0.030	0.00	0601	0904
WILDLIFE	0.010	0.00	0101	1231
TOTAL:	0.030 CFS	0.00 AF		

NON-IRRIGATION USES

61 RANGE CATTLE, 30 ANTELOPE, 25 DEER, 10 ELK, GROUSE

POINT OF DIVERSION							
TWP	RNG	SEC	TRACT1	TRACT2	TRACT3	LOT	COUNTY
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04N	25E	33		SE	NW	00	BUTTE

PLACE OF USE								OWNED	IRRIGATED ACRES
TWP	RNG	SEC	TRACT1	TRACT2	LOT	COUNTY			
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04N	25E	33	SE	NW	00	BUTTE			0.0

TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED: 0.0

TOTAL CONSUMPTIVE USE IS: DE MINIMUS ACRE FEET PER ANNUM

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OTHER WATER RIGHTS

NONE

REMARKS

PREVIOUSLY FILED WITH THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

