

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. 36-15168 -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.

36-15168 -0001/  
93-08-0534

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).

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2. Person who filed objection:

Name: HAGERMAN WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
Address: BOX 265  
HAGERMAN ID 83332

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): NICHOLAS B. SPENCER  
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.
3. ☒ Quantity: I respond to the objection concerning:
  - 3a. ☒ The total quantity of water used in cubic feet per second.
  - 3b. ☒ The total quantity of water stored in acre feet per year.
7. ☒ Purposes of Use: I respond to the objection concerning the purpose(s) of use.
9. ☒ Place of Use: I respond to the objection concerning:
  - 9a. ☒ The legal description of the place of use.
  - 9b. ☒ The number of irrigated acres within each forty (40) acre subdivision.
10. ☒ Consumptive Use: I respond to the objection concerning the annual volume of consumptive use.

11.    ☒ Remarks: I respond to the objection concerning the "remarks" listed with the water right.

14.    ☒ Other: I respond to the objection concerning:

ALL MATTERS RAISED IN THE CLAIMANT'S ANSWER,  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

**REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED**

In response to Statement of the Objection item 1, IDWR responds that it will change the claimant's address on its records to that shown on the objection. This, however, may not change the claimant's address on the records of the SRBA Court. The Court has developed its "Standard Form 3" to be used for reporting matters such as address changes and changes in ownership. The claimant may need to file this form with the SRBA Court.

In response to Statement of the Objection items 3 and 3.a, and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, IDWR responds as follows: (1) it recommended the amount of water it determined was being beneficially used; (2) the claimant is not entitled to any amount greater than that which is beneficially used (Idaho Code Secs. 42-104 and 42-1402); (3) the recommendation of the director to the SRBA Court as to how the right should be decreed does not constitute a taking because it is simply a recommendation and not a final determination of the right; and (4) the eventual decree by the SRBA Court of the amount of water beneficially used, even if less than the amount previously decreed, will not constitute a taking because the right is limited to that amount beneficially used.

In response to Statement of the Objection items 3 and 3.b, and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, IDWR responds that the recommended water right was not claimed, and therefore could not be recommended, as a storage right either in whole or in part. The claimant's objection to these items is in error.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 7, and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, IDWR responds that it recommended the same purpose or purposes of use that were identified on the notice of claim and that were found when the claim was investigated. By identifying in the objection domestic and fish propagation as additional uses that the claimant did not list on the notice of claim, the claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the claim. A claimant must obtain

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leave of the court to amend a claim after a director's report is filed, just as a party must obtain leave of the court to file a late claim after the director's report is filed. Once leave of the court is granted, IDWR can investigate the amended claim and make an appropriate recommendation to the court.

In response to Statement of the Objection 9 and 9.a, and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, IDWR responds that the recommended water right accurately describes the place of use of the right.

In response to Statement of the Objection 9 and 9.b, and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, IDWR responds that the recommended water right accurately describes the total number of acres within each 40 acre subdivision upon which IDWR found water was beneficially used for irrigation under this water right.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 10 and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, IDWR responds as follows: (1) The decree asserted by the claimant did not set an annual volume of consumptive use for this water right. (2) Idaho Code Sec. 42-1411(2)(i) requires the director to determine the annual volume of consumptive use for each water right acquired under state law and recommended in the director's report. (3) Idaho Code Sec. 42-1401A(2) provides that the quantification of consumptive use "is included as a rebuttable presumption in a decree only for the purpose of transfers pursuant to section 42-222, Idaho Code"; therefore, the consumptive use recommended for this water right is included solely for use in future transfer proceedings. (4) The annual volume of consumptive use claimed and recommended is 3 acre feet per acre. This is the maximum volume of water consumed by the most water consumptive crop (pasture) that can be grown in the area during the period of year when water is used for irrigation, as provided for by Idaho Code Sec. 42-1401A(2). (5) The recommendation of the director to the SRBA Court as to how the right should be decreed does not constitute a taking because it is simply a recommendation and not a final determination of the right. (6) The eventual decree by the SRBA Court of the amount of water beneficially used, even if less than the amount previously decreed, will not constitute a taking because the right is limited to that amount beneficially used.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 11, and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, IDWR responds that it has authority pursuant to Idaho Code Sec. 42-1411(2)(j) to include in its recommendations of water rights acquired under state law and recommended in the director's report "such other

matters as are necessary to define the right." The remark or remarks objected to are necessary to adequately describe and define this water right.

In response to Statement of the Objection item 14, and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, see attached "IDWR's Response to Answer Affirmative Defenses and Prayer for Relief of Claimant".

In response to the sentence listed in Changes to the Director's Report, whereby the claimant attempts to "reserve the right to claim all purposes of use and quantities of use as shown by the evidence at trial," IDWR responds as follows: Insofar as this purported reservation of rights may constitute an attempt to reserve the right to amend at trial the claimant's notice of claim, the claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the claim. A claimant must obtain leave of the court to amend a claim just as a party must obtain leave of the court to file a late claim after the director's report is filed.

The notice of claim attached to this response does not include the attachment referenced in the claim. IDWR will supplement its responds with this attachment at a later date.

#### 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<br>Pages |
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| Notice of Claim No. A36-15168                                                        | 4               |
| IDWR's Response to Answer, Affirmative Defenses and Prayer<br>for Relief of Claimant | 4               |

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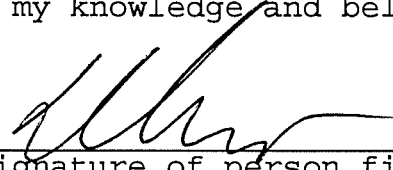
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State of IDAHO

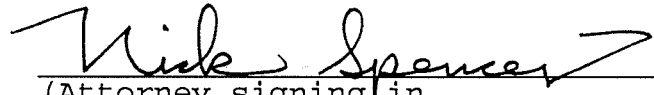
County of ADA

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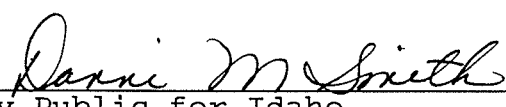
That R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, is a party to this proceeding, as defined by I.C. 42-1401A(1) and (7); that I am the Adjudication Bureau Chief for IDWR and am authorized by R. Keith Higginson, in his official capacity as director 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1993.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Danni Smith, Notary Public  
Residing at Boise, Idaho  
My Commission Expires December 5, 1994

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 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:

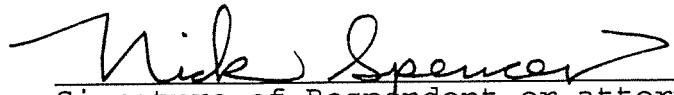
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3. One copy to the party who filed the objection, or if represented by an attorney, to their attorney; and you must fill in the following information:

Name: HEPWORTH NUNGESTER & LEZAMIZ  
Address: PATRICK D BROWN  
& PENELOPE PARKER  
PO BOX 389  
TWIN FALLS ID 83303

4. One copy to:

United States Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resource Division  
550 West Fort Street, Box 33  
Boise, Idaho 83734

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent or attorney  
mailing on Respondent's behalf

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 RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM  
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: A36-15168 39356 8/31/91Ident. Number A36-00057

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Number 5002257

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NOTICE OF CLAIM  
TO A  
WATER RIGHT  
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

Please type or print clearly

HAGERMAN WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION

1. Name of Claimant (s) c/o WILBUR ELLIOTT - PRESIDENT Phone (208) 837-4933Mailing Address 1003-A E 2650 S, Route #1, Box 470, Hagerman, Idaho Zip 833322. Date of Priority (Only one (1) per claim) April 7, 19063. Source of water supply (a) Spring Number One, Spring Number Two & Unnamed Springs  
which is tributary to (b) Billingsley Creek

(Spring Number One)

4. a. Location of existing point of diversion is: Township 7 South Range 13 East Section 13,1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Govt. Lot, B.M., County of GoodingAdditional points of diversion if any: Spring Number Two: Township 7 South, Range 14 East, B.M., Section  
18, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Lot 3, Gooding County. Unnamed Springs: Township 7  
South, Range 14 East, B.M., Section 18, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Lot 2, Gooding  
County.

b. If instream flow, beginning point of claimed instream flow is:

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4,

Govt. Lot \_\_\_\_\_ B.M., County of \_\_\_\_\_

ending point is: Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4, Govt. Lot \_\_\_\_\_ B.M., County of \_\_\_\_\_

5. Description of existing diversion works (Dams, Reservoirs, Ditches, Wells, Pumps, Pipelines, Headgates, Etc),  
including the dates of any changes or enlargements in use, the dimensions of the diversion works as  
constructed and as enlarged and the depth of each well.From the Springs, the water flows by open ditches  
to a central point where the water is measured. The water then flows into a steel pipeline,  
is siphoned across Billingsley Creek by said pipeline, and then goes into an open ditch which  
supplies water to the shareholders.

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6. Water is claimed for the following uses:

(both dates are inclusive)

(cfs)

(acre feet)

For Irrigation purposes from Mar. 15 to Nov. 15 amount 36.20 or \_\_\_\_\_

For Stockwater purposes from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 amount 0.30 or \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ purposes from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ amount \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ purposes from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ amount \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

7. Total quantity claimed (a) 36.20 (cfs) and/or (b) 1972 (acre feet)

8. Total consumptive use claimed is 1479 acre feet per annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses; describe fully (eg. Domestic: Give number of households served; Stockwater: Type and number of livestock Etc.) There are 200 head of dairy cows & calves and up to 500 to 600 head of beef cattle  
and or calves.

10. Description of place of use:

a. If water is for irrigation, indicate acreage in each subdivision in the tabulation below.

b. If water is used for other purposes, place a symbol of use (example: D for Domestic) in the corresponding place of use below. See instructions for standard symbols.

| TWP | RNG  | SEC | NE 1/4  |         |         |         | NW 1/4 |       |         |         | SW 1/4  |         |       |        | SE 1/4  |         |         |        | Totals |
|-----|------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
|     |      |     | NE1/4   | NW1/4   | SW1/4   | SE1/4   | NE1/4  | NW1/4 | SW1/4   | SE1/4   | NE1/4   | NW1/4   | SW1/4 | SE1/4  | NE1/4   | NW1/4   | SW1/4   | SE1/4  |        |
| 7 S | 13 E | 11  |         |         |         |         |        |       |         |         |         |         |       |        |         |         | S<br>36 |        | 36     |
| 7 S | 13 E | 13  |         |         | S<br>30 |         |        |       | S<br>40 | S<br>40 | S<br>38 | S<br>40 |       |        |         | S<br>19 |         |        | 207    |
| 7 S | 13 E | 14  | S<br>15 | S<br>35 | S<br>40 | S<br>40 | S<br>8 |       |         | S<br>4  | S<br>8  |         |       | S<br>8 | S<br>40 | S<br>10 | S<br>4  | S<br>8 | 220    |
| 7 S | 14 E | 18  |         |         |         |         |        |       | S<br>20 |         |         | S<br>10 |       |        |         |         |         |        | 30     |
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|     |      |     |         |         |         |         |        |       |         |         |         |         |       |        |         |         |         |        |        |

Total number of acres irrigated 493 acres

11. In which county (ies) are lands listed above as place of use located? Gooding County

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
If your answer is No, describe in Remarks below the authority you have to claim this water right.

13. Describe any other water rights used at the same place and for the same purposes as described above.  
\_\_\_\_\_ or None (X )

14. Remarks:  
I am the President of Hagerman Water Users Association and have the authority to sign  
for said Corporation. This water association supplies water for 63 stockholders at  
the present time. A copy of the shareholders is attached to this notice of claim.

Last Name HAGERMAN WATER USERS Ident No. \_\_\_\_\_

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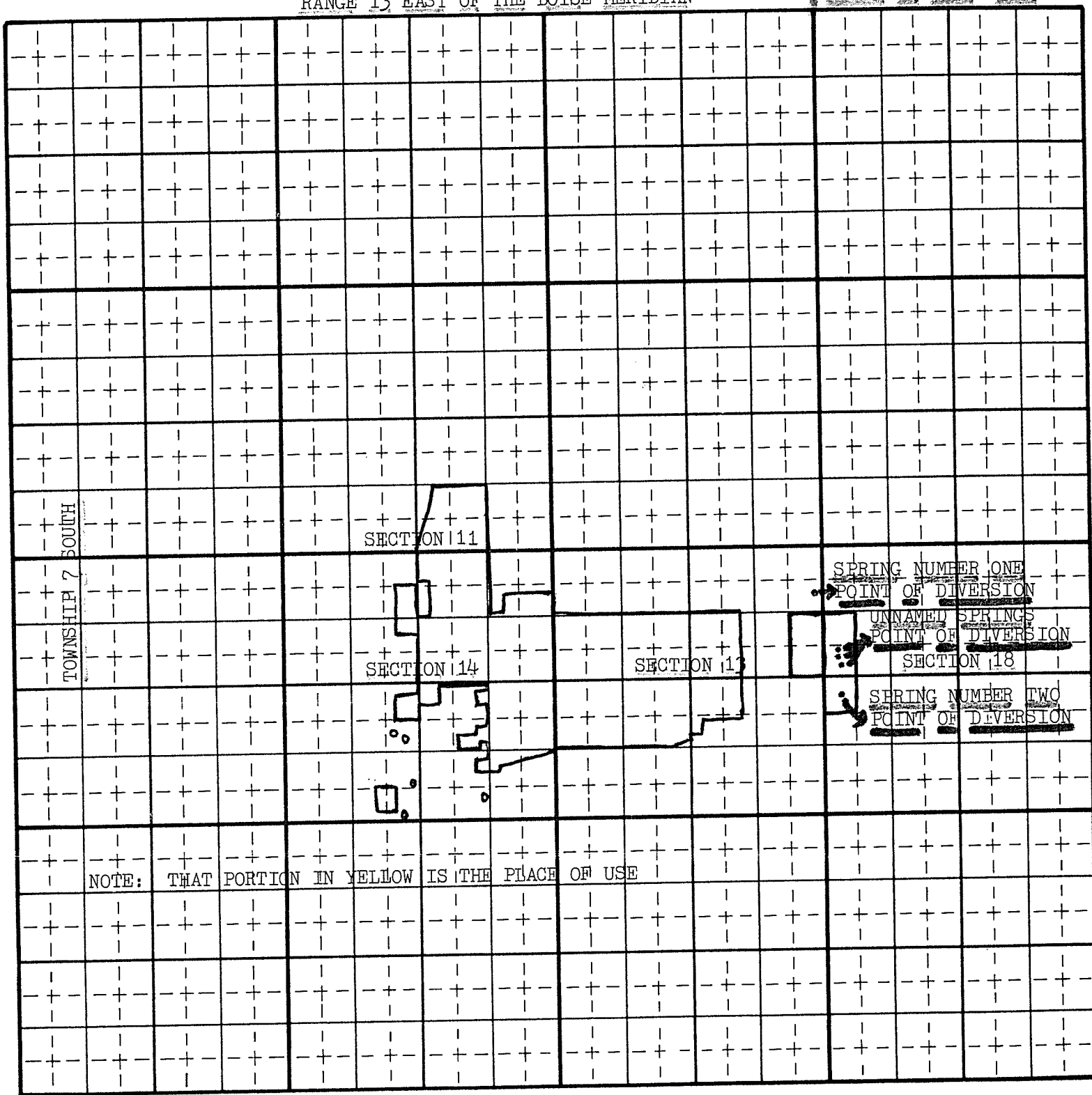
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Map of Project: show clearly the point of diversion, place of use, section number, township, and range number.

Scale: 2 inches equals 1 mile

RANGE 13 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN

RANGE 14 EAST, B.M.



Last Name HAGERMAN WATER USERS

Ident No. A36-00057

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15. Basis of Claim (check one) Beneficial Use Decree X Posted Notice Consent Permit

If applicable provide IDWR Water Right Number 36-0057, 36-0058 & 36-0059

Court U. S. District Court Case Number 1602 Decree Date March 22, 1932

Plaintiff vs Defendant New International Mortgage Bank vs Idaho Power Company

16. Signature (s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read, and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do not X wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments One (1)

**For Individuals:** I do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Organizations:** I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Title

of HAGERMAN WATER USERS ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_, that I have signed the foregoing  
Organization

document in the space below as PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ of HAGERMAN WATER USERS ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Organization

and that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Organization PRESIDENT-HAGERMAN WATER USERS ASSOCIATION Date 8-5-88

State of Idaho/or \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of Gooding ) SS.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 5th day of August 19 88

SEAL

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Residing at Hagerman, Idaho

My Commission Expires 5-10-91

Please Print Name

17. Notice of Appearance:

Notice is hereby given that I, \_\_\_\_\_ will be acting as attorney at law on behalf of the claimant signing above, and that all notices required by law to be mailed by the director to the claimant signing above should be mailed to me at the address listed below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name HAGERMAN WATER USERS Ident. Number \_\_\_\_\_

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IDWR'S RESPONSE TO ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND PRAYER FOR  
RELIEF OF CLAIMANT

This portion of the response addresses the multi-page attachment to the objection (hereinafter "the attachment"), wherein the claimant admits or denies all sections of Parts I, II, and III of the director's report, asserts 27 affirmative defenses, and alleges a prayer for relief. The attachment contains the following sections, corresponding to the various sections of the director's report:

- (1) I. GENERAL RESPONSE
- (2) II. DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY, (first unnumbered page of Part I of the director's report)
- (3) III. TABLE OF CONTENTS (second and third unnumbered pages of Part I of the director's report)
- (4) IV. 1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THIS REPORT PART I (page 1 of Part I of the director's report)
- (5) IV. 2. SCOPE OF THE ADJUDICATION (pages 1-3 of Part I of the director's report)
- (6) IV. 3. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT PART I (pages 3-4 of Part I of the director's report)
- (7) V. 1. BOUNDARIES OF BASIN (pages 4-6 of Part I of the director's report)
- (8) V. 2. WATER SOURCES (page 6 of Part I of the director's report)
- (9) V. 3. DEVELOPMENT OF WATER USE (pages 6-9 of Part I of the director's report)
- (10) VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS 1-8 APPLY TO ALL WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 36 (page 9 of Part I of the director's report)
- (11) VI. General Provision 1. EFFECT OF ADJUDICATION (page 9 of Part I of the director's report)
- (12) VI. General Provision 2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS (pages 9-10 of Part I of the director's report)
- (13) VI. General Provision 3. CONJUNCTIVE ADMINISTRATION (page 10 of Part I of the director's report)
- (13) VI. General Provision 4. ADMINISTRATION OF GROUND WATER RIGHTS (page 10 of Part I of the director's report)
- (14) VI. General Provision 5. ADMINISTRATION OF BASIN 36 RELATIVE TO THE SNAKE RIVER (page 10 of Part I of the director's report)
- (15) VI. General Provision 6. ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL DOMESTIC AND STOCK WATER RIGHTS (page 11 of Part I of the director's report)
- (16) VI. General Provision 7. MEASURING DEVICES AND CONTROL

- WORKS (page 11 of Part I of the director's report)
- (17) VI. General Provision 8. FIRE FIGHTING PURPOSES (page 11 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (18) VI. General Provision 9. CONSUMPTIVE USE (page 12 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (19) VI. GENERAL PROVISION 10 APPLIES TO ALL WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 36 SHOWN WITH DOMESTIC USE AS A PURPOSE OF USE (page 12 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (20) VI. General Provision 10. DOMESTIC USE (page 12 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (21) VI. GENERAL PROVISION 11 APPLIES TO ALL WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 36 SHOWN WITH STOCK WATER USE AS A PURPOSE OF USE (page 13 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (22) VI. General Provision 11. STOCK WATER USE (page 13 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (23) VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS 12-16 APPLY TO ALL WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 36 SHOWN WITH IRRIGATION AS A PURPOSE OF USE (page 13 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (24) VI. General Provision 12. IRRIGATION USE (pages 13-14 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (25) VI. General Provision 13. DIVERSION VOLUME FOR IRRIGATION (page 14 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (26) VI. General Provision 14. CONSUMPTIVE USE FOR IRRIGATION (pages 14-15 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (27) VI. General Provision 15. AMOUNT OF COMBINED WATER RIGHTS FOR IRRIGATION (page 15 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (28) VI. General Provision 16. DIVERSION RATES IN EXCESS OF .02 CFS PER ACRE (pages 15-16 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (30) VI. 17. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF LIST OF RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS (pages A-i through A-iii of Part I of the director's report)
  - (31) VI. 18. IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW (pages A-1 through B-25 of Part I of the director's report)
  - (32) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR REPORTING AREA 3 (BASIN 36), (DIRECTOR'S REPORT PART II)
  - (33) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR REPORTING AREA 3 (BASIN 36), (DIRECTOR'S REPORT PART III)

The attachment also contains part VIII, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES (pp. 20 through 28) and a PRAYER FOR RELIEF (untitled, p. 28).

In response to each of the items enumerated above IDWR responds that pursuant to Section 4 a.(2)(c) of SRBA Administrative Order 1, Rules of Procedure, IDWR generally denies each and every allegation, if any, contained in each enumerated portion of the attachment. IDWR affirmatively responds that neither SRBA Administrative Order 1, Rules of Procedure, nor Title 42, Chapter 14, Idaho Code, make provision for IDWR to affirm, amplify, or otherwise respond to the claimant's admissions, or to deny the claimant's denials, and that IDWR therefore does not believe that it is required to do so. Title 42, Chapter 14, Idaho Code solely defines the content and scope of the director's report. It is to contain a description of the water system and is to provide a recommendation as to each water right claimed and as to those matters necessary for administration of those water rights. Therefore, the content and scope of the objection is limited to those same matters. The attachment to the present objection asserts or otherwise raises matters not directly addressing the elements of the water right as recommended, the description of the water system, or the general provisions. Rather, the attachment raises broad issues as to the constitutional, statutory and administrative efficacy of the entire adjudication process. All such issues should be raised by means of motions to designate basinwide issues and similar procedural vehicles specifically designed to provide for basinwide notice and participation. They should not be permitted to divert the focus of any individual subcase away from the issues directly connected to the elements of the water right and the administration thereof. Therefore, because the attachment to the present objection is not within the scope of the statutory purpose of an objection it should be stricken.

However, in the event that the court should determine that all or part of the attachment is properly within the scope of the objection, IDWR further responds as follows:

IDWR affirmatively responds that all statements within the director's report are properly included therein pursuant to Title 42, Chapter 14, Idaho Code, and in particular pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 42-1411 and 42-1412(8); and that the provisions of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure regarding pleadings are inapplicable to the extent that they are in conflict with the statutory requirements. Therefore IDWR denies all allegations directed at the contents of the director's report.

As to the enumerated portions of the attachment addressing the listings of recommended water rights, abstracts of federal reserved water right claims, or negotiated agreements, other than the individual recommendation that is the subject of this objection, IDWR responds that such claims or agreements are not brought before this court by this objection.

IDWR'S RESPONSE TO ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF OF CLAIMANT, Page 3

Responding to the 27 affirmative defenses asserted in the attachment, IDWR generally denies each and every affirmative defense asserted. IDWR further responds that affirmative defense numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18, and 22, asserting various violations of civil or constitutional rights, fail to comply with the requirements I.R.C.P. 9(b) providing that in all averments of violation of civil or constitutional rights the factual circumstances constituting such violation must be stated with particularity. Accordingly, IDWR asserts that those affirmative defenses should be stricken.

In response to that portion of the multi-page attachment to the objection wherein the claimant asserts a prayer for relief, IDWR responds as follows:

1. IDWR denies that the director's report asserts any claims against the claimant; rather, the director's report contains only the recommendation of the director as to how the claimant's water right should be decreed and administered.
2. IDWR denies that the claimant is entitled to have the water right decreed as claimed unless in the director's report the water right has been recommended as claimed.
3. IDWR denies that any acts upon its part constitute the taking of private property for which just compensation should be allowed and awarded.
4. IDWR denies that the claimant is entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees.
5. IDWR denies that the claimant by this objection has raised any claims against IDWR entitling such claimant to any relief other than the eventual judicial determination and decree of the various elements of the claimant's water right, if any, and of those related matters necessary to describe and administer that water right.