

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. 57-10660 -0002

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.)

57-10660 -0002/
93-12-0277

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: CHIPMUNK GRAZING ASSOC INC
Address: TED BLACKSTOCK/ALAN JOHNSTONE
PO BOX 175
MARSING ID 83639

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): DANIEL L. STECKEL
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

9. ☒ Place of Use: I respond to the objection concerning:
12. ☒ Water Right Recommendation: I respond to the objection concerning:
- 12b. ☒ This water right not being recommended.

REASONS SUPPORTING EACH BOX CHECKED

In response to Statement of the Objection items 9, 12 and 12b., and all allegations of the objection regarding these items IDWR responds as follows: Portions of this water right were claimed by both the United States and the objector thus creating a dispute over the ownership of these portions 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 the contested portions of this water right, the objector did not submit evidence to IDWR

sufficient to overcome the presumption. IDWR therefore denies the objection and all allegations of the objection not expressly admitted herein.

In further response, the claimant did not claim the following as places of use: NESW, Sec. 4 and NENE, Sec.10, T02S, R05W. The claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the notice of claim. IDWR believes that a claimant must obtain leave of the court to amend a claim after the 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.

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

The notice of claim is attached to IDWR's response
to Objection No. 57-10660-0001

(Over)

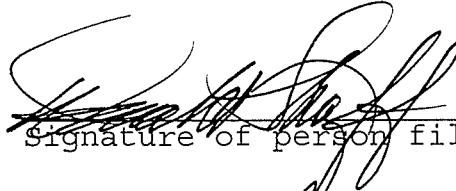
VERIFICATION (Must be Completed)

State of IDAHO

County of ADA

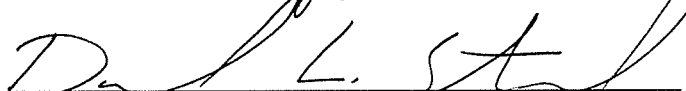
Donald V. Shaff, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

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 Section Manager 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.



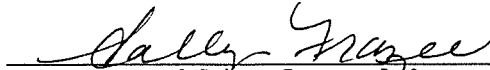
Signature of person filing response

By:



(Attorney signing in representative capacity)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1993.



Notary Public for Idaho

Residing at: Boise ID

My Commission expires: 11-14-1998

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the 20th day of December, 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:

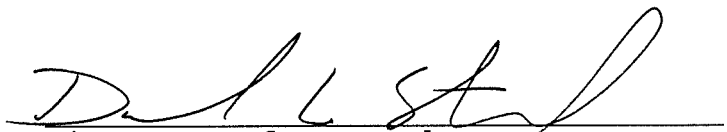
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3. One copy to the party who filed the objection, or if represented by an attorney, to their attorney; and you must fill in the following information:

Name: JOHN T SCHROEDER
Address: 447 W MYRTLE
PO BOX 267
BOISE ID 83701

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