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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)
)
Case No. 39576)
_____)

Sub-case No. 36-15342

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

This document is a Motion to Consolidate sub-case no. 36-15342 with sub-case nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346, which all relate to Craters of the Moon National Monument.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

The State of Idaho moves the District Court in accordance with *SRBA Administrative Order 1, Rules of Procedure*, Section 9, for an Order consolidating sub-case no. 36-15342 with sub-case nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. The WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF IDAHO AND THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT (Craters Settlement Agreement) describes water right nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15342, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346. These water rights all involve common questions of law and fact.

2. When the United States and the State of Idaho negotiated this resolution of claims to federal reserved water rights for the Craters of the Moon National Monument, the parties contemplated a package deal where all related water rights would be resolved or none of them. Consequently, the District Court needs to consider all the water rights in the same proceeding.

3. Mitchell Sorensen filed an Objection to water right no. 34-12383. He withdrew his objection on January 17, 1995 by execution of a Standard Form No. 5 describing water right no. 34-12383.

4. Arthur Quist filed an Objection to water right no. 34-12388. He withdrew his objection at the hearing on February 21, 1995 and filed a NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTION on February 23, 1995.

5. The United States filed Objections to water right nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15342, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346.

6. Consequently, the objections of the United States are the only remaining objections to water right nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15342, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346.

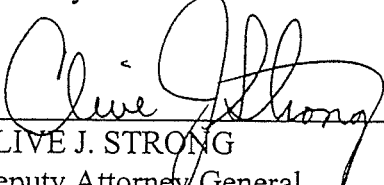
7. The State of Idaho contacted the United States about the proposed Motion to Consolidate, and the United States supports the consolidation.

CONCLUSION

The State of Idaho respectfully requests that the District Court enter an order consolidating Sub-case nos. 34-12383, 34-12384, 34-12385, 34-12386, 34-12387, 34-12388, 34-12389, 36-15342, 36-15343, 36-15344, 36-15345, and 36-15346.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 1995.

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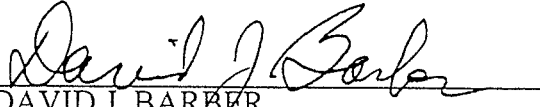
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