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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

Subcase No. 36-00049

RESPONSE TO McFADDAN  
OBJECTION

(Standard Form 2)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

95-12-0059

1. Person responding to objection:

Name: Cranney Bros.

Address: c/o Mike Cranney  
Route 1, Box 44A  
Oakley, ID 83346

Briefly describe your interest in this water right:

Cranney Bros. ("Cranney") is a holder of ground water rights in the Snake Plain Aquifer which may be affected by the exercise of the rights claimed by Dan H. and Irma R. McFaddan ("claimant") in this matter, and by the outcome of this case as to the factual and legal issues claimant asserts in its objection.

2. Person who filed objection:

Name: Dan H. and Irma R. McFaddan

Address: Route 1, Box 406  
Hagerman, ID 83332

3. If this response is filed by an attorney:

Attorney Name(s): Jeffrey C. Fereday

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II. STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSE

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.
8. ☒ Period of Year: I respond to the objection concerning the period of year when water is used or is necessary for the purpose stated.
9. ☒ Place of Use: I respond to the objection concerning: -
- 9a. ☒ The legal description of the place of use.
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

The following reasons are stated upon Cranney's information and belief:

In response to Statement of Objections 3 and 3.a., and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, Cranney responds as follows: (1) the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") recommended the amount of water it

determined was being beneficially used; and (2) the claimant is not entitled to any amount greater than that which is beneficially used.

In response to the claimant's allegations contained in Objection item 3.b. Cranney responds as follows: Although this item was identified as a basis for objection, no reason for the objection was stated. Cranney further 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 this item appears to be in error.

In response to the claimant's allegations contained in Objection item 7, Cranney responds that IDWR recommended the same purpose or purposes of use that were identified on the notice of claim. By identifying in the objection (under requested Changes to the Director's Report) an additional use (for aesthetics) that the claimant did not list on the notice of claim, the claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the claim. Cranney further responds that fish propagation or commercial uses, if approved under this right, would be illegal enlargements or expansions of use under the decreed right claimed.

In response to the claimant's allegations contained in Objection item 8, Cranney responds as follows: The decree asserted by the claimant does not specify a period of use for this water right. Idaho law requires IDWR to determine the period of use of each water right acquired under state law that is recommended in the director's report. The irrigation season of use cannot exceed the period in which water may be beneficially used. IDWR has developed irrigation season of use standards for various climatic areas throughout the state based on certain determinations, and has concluded that the period of the year during which this water right may be used is consistent with the standard irrigation season of use for the area in which the place of use of this water right is located. Cranney acknowledges that water may be used for irrigation outside the standard season of use, subject to beneficial use and the conditions set forth in general provision 12b of the director's report.

Cranney further responds that for each use recommended, IDWR has recommended a reasonable season of use. By now seeking to include a year-round season of use for irrigation, the claimant improperly seeks to use the objection process to amend the claim and asserts a period of use beyond which water can be beneficially used for irrigation.

In response to Statement of Objections 9 and 9.a., and all allegations of the objection regarding those items, Cranney responds that IDWR has stated, in the director's report, that the recommended water right accurately describes the place of use of the right.

In response to Statement of Objection 10 and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, Cranney 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 law 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) The annual volume of consumptive use recommended for this right is 3

acre feet per acre, which 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).

In response to Statement of Objection 11, and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, Cranney responds that the Department of Water Resources has authority pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1411 to include in its recommendations of water rights, and recommended in the director's report, remarks and other matters that are necessary to define, clarify, or administer the right, or other matters as are necessary to define the right.

In response to Statement of Objection 14, and all allegations of the objection regarding that item, see "Response to Claimant's Affirmative Defenses," below.

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," Cranney responds that, 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.

#### RESPONSE TO CLAIMANT'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Responding to the 27 affirmative defenses asserted in the attachment to claimant's objection, Cranney notes that these are assertive against IDWR. To the extent these are still being pressed by the claimant, Cranney generally denies each affirmative defense asserted. Cranney further responds that those affirmative defenses 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, Cranney asserts that those affirmative defenses should be stricken.

#### CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF IDAHO )  
                              : SS  
COUNTY OF ADA )

Mike Cranney, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

I am a principal in Cranney Bros., a party to this proceeding, as defined by I.C. 42-1401A(1) and (7); that Jeffrey C. Fereday is my attorney in fact for these matters and is authorized to verify this response; and 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.

CRANNEY BROS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVENS PURSLEY & HUNTLEY LLP

By: Jeffrey C. Fereday  
Jeffrey C. Fereday, Attorney signing  
in representative capacity

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of August, 1995.

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| JULIE BEST-GILSTER<br>☆ NOTARY PUBLIC ☆<br>STATE OF IDAHO |
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Julie Best Gilster  
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My commission expires: 4-21-2001

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 17, 1995, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *RESPONSE TO McFADDAN OBJECTION (No. 36-00049)* to each of the persons named below by the method indicated below each of their names.

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