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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	)	Subcase No. 34-11951
	)	
	)	IDWR REPORT RE: REVIEW
Case No. 39576	)	OF STANDARD FORM 5
	)	
	)	

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

IDWR submits this report to inform the Court and the parties that IDWR has reviewed the Standard Form 5 submitted by the parties in this subcase and that the Director has chosen not to sign the Standard Form 5.

DISCUSSION

The Director did not sign the Standard Form 5 for the reasons set forth below.

1. The description of the elements of the water right in the Standard Form 5 are not correct as stated below:

[] Name and Address

[] Source

[] Quantity

[X] Priority Date

The Standard Form 5 states that the water right is correctly described in the director's report. However, IDWR's response to the objection notes that there is an error in the description of the priority date of this water right in the director's report.

As noted in IDWR's response, rights to the use of surface water from the Big Lost River and tributaries were adjudicated in Utah Construction Co. v. Abbott, Equity No. 222 (D.E.Id 1923). The source of water for this right is tributary to the Big Lost River, and the United States was a party to that case. The United States is therefore precluded by the doctrine of res judicata from asserting a beneficial use priority date the same as or earlier than the date of the decree, March 15, 1923.

[] Point of Diversion

[] Purpose of Use

[] Period of Use

[] Place of Use

[] Consumptive Use

[] Other Matters Necessary to Define or Administer the Right

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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