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DISTRICT COURT - SRBA
TWIN FALLS CO., IDAHO

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	)	SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT
	)	
Case No. 39576	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR
	)	
	)	WATER RIGHT 34-10674
	)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for this water right pursuant to I.C. § 42-1409(1990). The director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) examined the water system for Reporting Area 1 and investigated and abstracted the notices of claim for Reporting Area 1 (Basin 34), which includes portions of Custer, Butte, Bonneville and Jefferson Counties, State of Idaho. The *Director's Report for Reporting Area 34 (Director's Report)* contained a recommendation or abstract for the elements of this water right.

An objection to the *Director's Report* for this water right 34-10674 was filed on February 26, 1993, by Wiley F. Smith. A response was filed on July 1, 1993 by the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources. A hearing was held October 30, 1995. At the hearing, the parties discussed the elements of this right. Subsequently, a settlement was reached as to how the elements of this water right could be decreed, and a *Standard Form 5 - Stipulated Elements of a Water Right* was filed reflecting the settlement agreement of the parties. The signatories to the *Standard Form 5* are the claimant, Wiley F. Smith; the objector, Ben Howard; and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Thus it appears that all parties to this subcase, and the IDWR, are signatories to the *Standard Form 5*.

Several elements of the water right as stipulated to in the *Standard Form 5*, remain **unchanged** from the original *Director's Report*. Specifically, element 2, source; element 3,

quantity; **element 5**, point of diversion; **element 6**, purpose of use; **element 7**, period of year; and **element 8**, place of use; remain **unchanged** from the original *Director's Report*.

The remaining elements of this water right as stipulated to in the *Standard Form 5*, differ from the original *Director's Report*. **Element 1**, name and address of claimant was changed from Ben Howard & Son to Wiley F. Smith. Wiley F. Smith and Ben Howard represented at the October 30, 1995 hearing, that the owner of this water right is Wiley Smith. **Element 8**, the place of use, however, remains on land owned by Ben Howard, since he uses this water right on his land pursuant to a lease agreement between Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard. **Element 4**, priority date was changed from December 31, 1940 to July 5, 1928. The parties and IDWR represent there is a sufficient factual basis for this change. In addition, since IDWR is a signatory to the *Standard Form 5*, the court may recognize the *Standard Form 5* as an *Amended Director's Report*, thus giving *prima facie* weight to these elements of the water right.

Element 9, annual volume of consumptive use is listed as de minimis. However, since the *Standard Form 5* was executed, the legislature amended I.C. §§ 42-1401A and 42-1411 removing the requirement that annual volume of consumptive use be decreed unless a quantified amount is reported in the *Director's Report*. S.B. 1480, 1996 Idaho Sess. Laws. No such quantified amount was reported for this right, therefore the annual volume of consumptive use need not be decreed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under *SRBA Administrative Order 1*, a Special Master is required to make a recommendation to the Presiding Judge as to whether and how a water right should be recommended for each subcase.

A Preliminary Special Master's Report and Recommendation; Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, was issued for subcase 34-10674 on July 2, 1996. No Motions to Reconsider or Motions to Correct Clerical Errors were filed, and the time for such motions has now expired.

Where a *Standard Form 5* is signed by every party to the subcase and the Idaho Department of Water Resources, it may be treated as an *Amended Director's Report* and given *prima facie* evidence of the right. The record on file for this subcase, including the *Standard Form 5*, clearly establishes the intent of the parties that this water right be decreed with the

elements as set forth in *Standard Form 5* based on the Findings of Fact listed above except that **element 9**, annual volume of consumptive use shall not be included.

Therefore, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that water right 34-10674 be **decreed** with the elements set forth in the *Special Master's Recommendation for Partial Decree*.

DATED: July 23, 1996.


BRIGETTE BILYEU
Special Master, Reporting Area 1
Snake River Basin Adjudication

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SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR
PARTIAL DECREE FOR SRBA
TWIN FALLS CO., IDAHO
Water Right 34-10674

NAME & ADDRESS: WILEY F SMITH
STAR ROUTE
MACKAY ID 83251

SOURCE: UNNAMED STREAM TRIBUTARY: ARENTSON GLUCH CREEK

QUANTITY: 0.06 CFS

USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000 GALLONS PER
DAY.

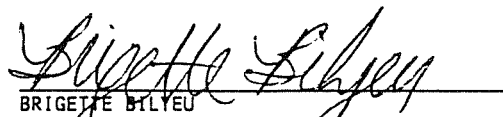
PRIORITY DATE: 07/05/1928

POINT OF DIVERSION: T11N R21E S36 NESE Within CUSTER County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	STOCKWATER	09-15 06-10	0.06 CFS

PLACE OF USE:	STOCKWATER	Within CUSTER County
	T10N R21E S02	SWSW SESW
	S10	NENE NWNE
	S11	NENW SWNE

DATED July 23, 1996.


BRIGETTE BILYEU
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