

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR

THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (IDWR) HAS IDENTIFIED AN ERROR IN THE SRBA PARTIAL DECREE OF THE WATER RIGHT LISTED BELOW. IDWR REQUESTS THE COURT TO DETERMINE IF IT CAN CORRECT THE ERROR THROUGH ITS NORMAL NOTICE AND HEARING PROCESS, AND IF SO, TO CORRECT THE ERROR ACCORDINGLY. BY COPY OF THIS FORM IDWR IS ALSO NOTIFYING THE OWNER OF THE WATER RIGHT OF THE ERROR IN QUESTION.

WATER RIGHT NO. 63-303

NAME OF OWNER LISTED ON THE PARTIAL DECREE: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ACTING THROUGH BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

CURRENT OWNER (IF DIFFERENT): _____

TODAY'S DATE May 28, 2014

An error exists in the description of the following element of the partial decree:

1. ☐ **Name and Address**

Should be: _____

2. ☐ **Source**

Should be: _____

3. ☐ **Quantity**

Should be: _____

4. ☒ **Priority Date**

The following language should be added to the partial decree: Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights.

5. ☐ **Point of Diversion**

Should be: _____

6. ☐ **Instream Flow Beginning and/or Ending Point**

Should be: _____

7. ☐ **Purpose(s) of Use**

Should be: _____

8. ☐ **Period of Year**

Should be: _____

9. ☐ **Place of Use**

Should be: _____

10. ☐ **Other Provisions**

Should be: _____

Additional explanation or supporting documentation of the error:

Several water rights in Basin 63 were previously decreed in the case *Pioneer Irrigation District v. American Ditch Association, et al.* (Seventh Judicial District, Canyon County, decree entered by Judge E. L. Bryan on February 14, 1929), commonly referred to as the “Bryan Decree.” The Bryan Decree case commenced in 1913, following entry of what generally is referred to as the “Stewart Decree,” a decree of the rights on the Boise River in the case of *Farmers’ Cooperative Ditch Company, Inc. v. Riverside Irrigation District, Ltd., et al.* (Seventh Judicial District, Canyon County, decree entered by Judge George H. Stewart on January 18, 1906). The purpose of the Bryan Decree case was to adjudicate a small number of rights that for various reasons had not been previously adjudicated and decreed in the Stewart Decree. These rights were decreed in the February 14, 1929, Bryan Decree, but that decree imposed upon them the following limitation:

[A]ll rights and amounts of water herein awarded are and are hereby decreed to be subject, subsequent and inferior to all the rights and priorities established by and awarded in said Stewart Decree.

Eleven rights were originally made subject to this limitation. Two more were added by a subsequent order entered in the case by Judge A.O. Sutton on January 30, 1932, entitled *Order for Distribution of Waters of Boise River for 1932*, which order in turn was extended by a subsequent order entered by Judge Charles E. Winstead on June 23, 1933, entitled *For 1933 and until Further Order of the Court*, an order still in effect today. Three other rights were added to the list of Bryan Decree rights by two subsequent decrees which made the rights contained therein subject to both the Stewart and Bryan Decrees.

The Bryan Decree rights all have priority dates senior to one or more rights contained in the Stewart Decree, but because of the limitation quoted above the watermaster historically subordinated them to the Stewart Decree rights junior to them. This subordination was carried over into the SRBA recommendations for Basin 63. However, in making its recommendations IDWR placed language referencing the subordination not on the Bryan Decree Rights that were subordinated to one or more Stewart Decree rights, but rather on the Stewart Decree rights that receive the benefit of the subordination. IDWR has now determined that this approach was flawed because IDWR did not likewise place notice of the subordination on the rights that are subject to the burden of the subordination. IDWR should have placed language referencing the subordination also on the Bryan Decree rights to better communicate how they historically have been administered and to provide clear instruction to the watermaster.

Therefore, IDWR requests that the following language be added to the priority date element of the partial decree for water right number 63-303: Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights.

For more information about the error the Court and/or water right holder should contact the person identified below.

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Corrected Recommendation for 63-303 is attached.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on May 28, 2014, I caused to be served true and correct copies of this REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR, to the following persons, in the manner indicated and addressed as follows:

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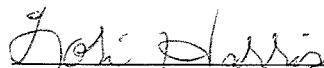
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Signature of person or attorney mailing the form

05/21/2014

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

RIGHT NUMBER: 63-303

NAME AND ADDRESS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
REGIONAL DIRECTOR PN CODE-3100
1150 N CURTIS RD STE 100
BOISE ID 83706-1234

SOURCE: BOISE RIVER TRIBUTARY: SNAKE RIVER

QUANTITY: 271,600.00 AFY

TOTAL RESERVOIR CAPACITY IS 286,600 ACRE FEET WHEN FILLED TO
ELEVATION 3216 AND MEASURED AT THE UPSTREAM FACE OF THE DAM

PRIORITY DATE: 01/13/1911

Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right
nos. 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights.

POINT OF
DIVERSION: T03N R04E S13 SWNE Lot 5 Within BOISE County
T03N R04E S13 NWSE Lot 7 Within BOISE County

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE:

PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
IRRIGATION STORAGE	01/01 12/31	271,600.00 AFY
IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE	03/15 11/15	271,600.00 AFY

PLACE OF USE:

THE PLACE OF USE IS WITHIN THE BOISE FEDERAL RECLAMATION
PROJECT WITHIN ADA, CANYON, BOISE, ELMORE COUNTIES, IDAHO, AND
MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON (BIG BEND IRRIGATION DISTRICT).

OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

The name of the United States of America acting through the Bureau of Reclamation appears in the Name and Address sections of this partial decree. However, as a matter of Idaho Constitutional and Statutory Law, title to the use of the water is held by the consumers or users of the water. The irrigation organizations act on behalf of the consumers or users to administer the use of the water for the landowners in the quantities and/or percentages specified in the contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and the irrigation organizations for the benefit of the landowners entitled to receive distribution of this water from the respective irrigation organizations. The interest of the consumers or users of the water is appurtenant to the lands within the boundaries of or served by such irrigation organizations, and that interest is derived from law and is not based exclusively on the contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and the irrigation organizations.

This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - Decreed