



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re CSRBA

Case No. 49576

) ORDER OF PARTIAL DECREE FOR
) IRRIGATION DELIVERY ENTITY
) USING DIGITAL BOUNDARY
) DESCRIPTION; I.C. §§ 42-202B(2), 42-
) 219(2), 42-1411(2)(h)
)
) Water Right: 95-07055
) (United States of America
) Bureau of Reclamation)

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I.
FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. On August 2, 2018, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) filed its *Director's Report for Basin 95, Part 1*, which included a recommendation for the above-captioned water right. The recommendation included a description for the place of use element using a "digital boundary" as defined by I.C. § 42-202(B)(2)(2003). No objections to the recommendation were filed and the time period for filing objections has now expired.
2. The above-captioned water right is for an irrigation purpose of use and satisfy one of the following statutory criteria: (1) used in conjunction with an irrigation project where the canals constructed cover an area of twenty-five thousand (25,000) acres or more; (2) the place of use for the water rights is located within an irrigation district organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Idaho; or (3) the water right(s) is/are for an irrigation project developed by an association, company, corporation or the United States to divert and deliver or distribute surface water under any annual charge or rental for beneficial use by more than five (5) water users in an area less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) acres.
3. Effective July 1, 2002, the Idaho Legislature approved the use of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for describing the place of use (digital boundary) for water rights meeting the above-stated criteria. See I.C. §§ 42-219(2)(2003) and 42-1411(2)(h)(2003). The GIS mapping technology allows the geographic area encompassing the place of use for a water right to be particularly identified and visually displayed in a map overlay format

through the aid of computer technology. In incorporating a digital boundary into a partial decree, the electronic or digital data is what is actually decreed as opposed to the visually displayed map ultimately generated from the data. The data is stored on a CD-ROM. The Court finds that the GIS mapping technology maintained by IDWR complies with the standards for spatial accuracy set forth in I.C. § 42-202B (2)(2003). *See Notice of Filing Affidavit of Michael Ciscell Re: Digital Boundary, filed October 17, 2003.*

II. ORDER

1. Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned water right is hereby **decreed** as set forth in the attached ***Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b)***.
2. IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that the data comprising the digital boundary shall be stored on a CD-ROM medium, which shall be issued in duplicate original. The CSRBA District Court will retain one original together with the original ***Partial Decree(s)*** and IDWR will retain the other original. The map depicting the place of use attached to the ***Partial Decree(s)*** is intended for illustrative purposes only.
3. IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that upon request, the claimant can obtain a copy of the CD-ROM from IDWR at no cost, although GIS software will still be required to access the data. Subsequent administrative changes to the place of use shall also be stored in a digital format and kept on file and maintained by IDWR. IDWR shall maintain all computer software and/or hardware necessary for reducing the data to a usable format that is accessible to the general public, including access through the IDWR Internet website (www.idwr.state.id.us) or its successor Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

Dated December 12, 2019



ERIC J. WILDMAN
Presiding Judge
Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication