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Fifth Judicial District	
County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho	
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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF DEFERRED
DE MINIMIS STOCK WATER USE**

Claim No. 67-15311

In Re SRBA
Twin Falls County Civil Case No. 39576

Report to the SRBA District Court

Prepared by the Idaho Department of Water Resources
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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

This is a Director's Report of Deferred *De Minimis* Stock Water Use submitted by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).

INTRODUCTION

A Motion for Determination of Deferred *De Minimis* Stock Water Use (Motion) and Notice of Claim to Water Right for water right claim no. 67-15311 were submitted to the Court on October 25, 2018. IDWR published a notice of the pendency and purpose of the Motion. *See Affidavit of Publication*, filed simultaneously herewith. The Director has now completed his examination of the claim. The examination for the above-mentioned water right claim was conducted by Sandy Thiel, Senior Water Resource Agent, on behalf of the Director. The materials used in and results of the examination of the elements of the claim are discussed below.

DISCUSSION

Priority Date

Jim Eckhardt filed claim no. 67-15311 on behalf of the Eckhardt Family LLLP, for the instream stockwater use of 260 head of range cattle. The claimed priority date of April 26, 1917, is supported by land patent #581189 issued to Charles C. Perkins ¹. The township, range, section and 40 acre tracts listed in the patents include the Washington County parcels described in the claimed place of use. The priority date is recommended as claimed.

¹ Land Patent #581189 was established under the Homestead Act of 1862. To receive a patent, applicants were required to live on the property for 5 years for the purpose of settlement and cultivation. It's reasonable to assume that applicants would have stock that drank from available water sources. IDWR has regularly accepted land patents as evidence of instream or non-diverted stock water use.

Points of Diversion

The claimed points of diversion are in Township 12 North, Range 5 West, Section 8 SWSW (beginning point for instream stockwater) and Township 12 North, Range 5 West, Section 8, SWSW (ending point for instream stockwater). The points of diversion were verified by identifying stream locations using USGS Quadrangle maps and are recommended as claimed.

Source

The source for water is an unnamed stream tributary to Sheep Creek, verified using the USGS quadrangle maps.

Place of Use

The amended claim uses the public land survey to describe the place of use and includes each quarter-quarter or government lot between the beginning and ending points that the unnamed stream passes through.

The claimed place of use is entirely within Washington County parcel number RP12N05W085400. According to the Washington County parcel data the claimant owns the parcel containing the place of use.

Quantity

The quantity claimed in the amended claim is for 0.02 cfs. The typical diversion rate recommended for claims for watering stock directly from a stream is 0.02 cfs. This rate is consistent with diversion rates claimed for *de minimis* instream stockwater use.

Purpose and Period of Use

The extent of the water use can be described as in-stream *de minimis* stockwater use. Water used for stockwater purposes is typically recommended for year-round use if year-round use is claimed.

CONCLUSION

There is sufficient evidence to recommend claim 67-15311 for the instream watering of livestock from an unnamed stream tributary to Sheep Creek.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March, 2020.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on March 19, 2020, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of this Director's Report of Deferred *De Minimis* Domestic or Stock Water Use, to the following persons, in the manner indicated and addressed as follows:

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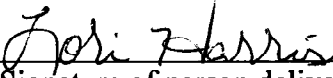
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