

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)
)
Case No. 39576)
_____)

PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Water Right 36-10037

DISTRICT COURT-SRBA
Fifth Judicial District
County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho

OCT 31 2005

By _____ Clerk

Deputy Clerk

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123 BELL RAPIDS ROAD
HAGERMAN, ID 83332

SOURCE: GROUNDWATER

QUANTITY: 1.65 CFS

USE OF THIS RIGHT WITH RIGHT NO. 36-02419 IS LIMITED TO A TOTAL
COMBINED DIVERSION RATE OF 4.81 CFS AND A TOTAL COMBINED ANNUAL
DIVERSION VOLUME OF 1616 AF.

PRIORITY DATE: 03/15/1974

THIS WATER RIGHT IS SUBORDINATE TO ALL WATER RIGHTS WITH A
PRIORITY DATE EARLIER THAN APRIL 12, 1994, THAT ARE NOT DECREED
AS ENLARGEMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-1426, IDAHO CODE. AS
BETWEEN WATER RIGHTS DECREED AS ENLARGEMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
42-1426, IDAHO CODE, THE EARLIER PRIORITY RIGHT IS THE SUPERIOR
RIGHT.

POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R14E S33 NENWSE Within Gooding County

PURPOSE AND

PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	03-15 TO 11-15	1.65 CFS

PLACE OF USE:	Irrigation	Within Gooding County
	T07S R14E S33	NESW 33.0 NWSW 33.0
		SWSW 33.0 SESW 33.0
		NESE 37.0 NWSE 33.0
		SWSE 33.0 SESE 40.0
	T08S R14E S04 LOT 1	(NENE)30.0 LOT 2 (NWNE)33.0
		SWNE 33.0 SENE 33.0
	404.0 Acres Total	

USE OF THIS RIGHT WITH RIGHT NO. 36-2419 IS LIMITED TO THE
IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 404 ACRES IN A SINGLE
IRRIGATION SEASON.

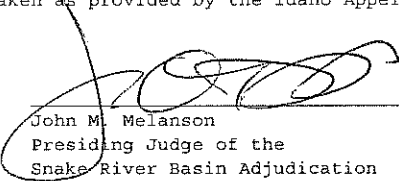
OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

THIS RIGHT IS BASED UPON AN ENLARGEMENT OF RIGHT NO. 36-2419
PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-1426, IDAHO CODE.

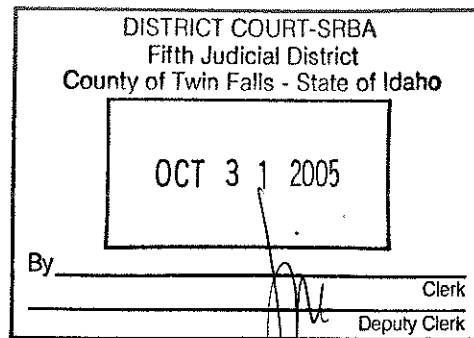
THIS PARTIAL DECREE IS SUBJECT TO SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS
NECESSARY FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE RIGHTS OR FOR THE EFFICIENT
ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER RIGHTS AS MAY BE ULTIMATELY
DETERMINED BY THE COURT AT A POINT IN TIME NO LATER THAN THE
ENTRY OF A FINAL UNIFIED DECREE. I.C. SECTION 42-1412(6).

RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATE

With respect to the issues determined by the above judgment or order, it is hereby CERTIFIED, in accordance with Rule 54(b), I.R.C.P., that the court has determined that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of a final judgment and that the court has and does hereby direct that the above judgment or order shall be a final judgment upon which execution may issue and an appeal may be taken as provided by the Idaho Appellate Rules.



John M. Melanson
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication



**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	)	ORDER OF PARTIAL DECREES
	)	For water rights: 36-10033 et al.
Case No. 39576	)	(see attached list).
	)	
	)	ORDER OF PARTIAL DECREE, <i>NUNC PRO</i>
	)	<i>TUNC</i>
	)	For water right: 36-16298
	)	
	)	ORDER DISALLOWING WATER RIGHT
	)	CLAIM
	)	For Water right: 36-16218

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND.

- A. An *Order Granting Motions to Alter or Amend and Amended Special Master's Report and Recommendation*, was filed in the above-captioned subcases on January 28, 2004.
- B. On February 11, 2004, North Ridge LLC, *et al.* ("North Ridge"), through counsel, filed a *Notice of Challenge* in subcases 36-10090, 36-10863A, 36-15264A and 36-15264B.
- C. On February 12, 2004, Roost Potato Co., Inc., *et al.* ("Roost Potato"), also through counsel, filed a *Notice of Challenge or, in the Alternative, Motion to Alter or Amend the Special Master's Report and Recommendation*. Apparently there was some uncertainty over the scope of the *Special Master's Recommendation*.
- D. On February 12, 2004, this Court entered a *Challenge Scheduling Order* in subcases 36-10090, 36-10863A, 36-15264A and 36-15264B.
- F. On March 4, 2004, the Special Master heard arguments on the *Motions to Alter or Amend* that was filed in the alternative. Also, on March 4, 2004, the Special Master issued an *Order Denying Motions to Alter or Amend Amended Special Master's Report and Recommendation* in all of the above-captioned subcases.

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DISALLOWING WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

G. On March 10, 2004, Roost Potato filed a *Notice of Challenge* to the March 4, 2004, *Special Master's Report and Recommendation*.

H. On March 10, 2004, North Ridge filed a *Motion to Vacate the Challenge Scheduling Order Dated February 12, 2004, and to Consolidate Subcases 36-10090, 36-10863A, 36-15264A and 36-15264B*. On March 11, 2004, North Ridge filed a *Renewed Notice Challenge* on the same subcases.

I. On March 16, 2004, pursuant to notice of hearing previously issued by this Court, a hearing was held on the motions and to clarify the procedural status of the subcases. At the hearing, the parties explained that all of the above-captioned subcases involved the same common issues. The parties represented that the only remaining issues in the matter were the same issues raised in the subcases involving A&B Irrigation District, subcases 36-02080 *et al.* (A&B), which at the time were on appeal before the Idaho Supreme Court. The issues related to the application of the enlargement statute, I.C. § 42-1426, to reclaimed waste water. The parties motioned the Court to stay the challenge proceedings pending the outcome of the appeal.

J. On March 23, 2004, the Court issued an *Order Consolidating Subcases for Challenge and Order Conditionally Staying Challenge*. As part of the *Order Staying Challenges*, the Court ordered that the parties were to identify in a written statement any issues involved in the above subcases other than the issues on appeal in the A&B subcases. Any issues not disclosed by the parties would be deemed waived.

K. On April 9, 2004, the Court issued an *Order Staying Challenge on Consolidated Subcases Until Further Order of the Court*. On November 16, 2004, the Court issued an *Order Consolidating Cases With 36-10033 et al. and Order Staying Challenge on Consolidated Subcases Until Further Order of Court*. The November *Orders* resulted from an administrative split of water right claim 36-16123 into water right claims 36-16218 and 36-16219. Water right claim 36-16123 was eventually ordered disallowed, and water right claims 36-16218 and 36-16219 were consolidated into the original consolidated subcase. Water right claim 36-16218 was also administratively split into two claims, 36-16297 and 36-16298. *Notice of Completed Administrative Proceedings/Amended Director's Reports* were filed with respect to those claims on March 24, 2005. No objections were filed to the *Amended Director's Reports* 36-16297 or 36-16298. To date, claim 36-16218 has not yet been decreed disallowed. On March 24, 2005, a *Notice of Administrative Proceeding/Transfer* was filed for water right claim 36-16298.

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L. On April 23, 2005, the Supreme Court issued a *Remittitur* in *A&B Irrigation District v. Aberdeen-American Falls Ground Water District et al.* This Court held status conferences on September 20, 2005, and October 17, 2005. At the September 20, status conference, the parties represented that some of the *Special Master's Recommendations* may need to be modified to reflect clerical errors and/or intervening transfers. At the October 17, status conference, the parties stated that no such errors needed to be corrected. On October 18, 2005, North Ridge filed a *Withdrawal of Challenge* in the four subcases in which it had filed challenges.

M. *Notice of Completed Administrative Proceedings/ Amended Director's Reports* were filed for claim 36-16123, which was split into water right claims 36-16218 and 36-16219, and for 36-16218 which was split into 36-16297 and 36-16298. A *Notice of Administrative Proceeding/Transfer* was filed on March 24, 2005. The transfer is still pending with respect to 36-16298. Because there are no further issues carried over from the original claim from which 35-16298 was split, the Court intends to issue the partial decree for 35-16298 *nunc pro tunc* as of April 29, 2005. This will avoid any delay in decreeing the right as the claim will not have to come back before the Court once the transfer is completed. The April 29, 2005, date represents twenty-one days after the *Amended Director's Report* appeared on the docket sheet for March 2005. This is the first date the right was ready for partial decree had no challenge been filed.

II. ORDER.

Because the above subcases were stayed pending the A&B decision, and because the A&B decision was decided in accord with the *Special Master's Reports* filed in the above subcases, the Court finds that it is now appropriate to issue the *Partial Decrees* in the above subcases. Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 53(e)(2) and *SRBA Administrative Order 1*, Section 13f, this Court has reviewed the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in the *Special Master's Reports* and wholly adopts them as its own.

Therefore, **IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that water right 36-16298 is decreed *nunc pro tunc* to April 29, 2005, as set forth in the attached *Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b) nunc pro tunc*. Parties to that subcase may continue the transfer process administratively.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the above-captioned water rights listed on the attachment to this *Order* are hereby **decreed** as set forth in the attached *Partial Decrees Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b)*.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that water right claim 36-16218, which was split into water rights 36-16297 and 36-16298, is hereby **disallowed with prejudice** and shall not be confirmed in any partial decree or in any final decree entered in the SRBA, Case No. 39576, in whatever form that final decree may take or be styled.

RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATE

With respect to the issues determined by the above judgment or order it is hereby CERTIFIED, in accordance with Rule 54(b), I.R.C.P., that the court has determined that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of a final judgment and that the court has and does hereby direct that the above judgment or order shall be a final judgment upon which execution may issue and an appeal may be taken as provided by the Idaho Appellate Rules.

DATED October 31, 2005.



JOHN M. MELANSON
Presiding Judge
Snake River Basin Adjudication

EXHIBIT A (36-10033 ET AL.)

Subcase Nos:

36-10033
36-10035
36-10037
36-10090
36-10863A
36-11643
36-15152
36-15264A
36-15264B
36-15356A
36-16124
36-16219
36-16297

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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