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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)	Subcase No. 92-00021
)	
)	MOTION FOR ORDER OF
Case No. 39576)	INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS
)	IN BASINS 71 and 72 AND NOTICE OF HEARING
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The State of Idaho moves this Court for an order of interim administration of water rights¹ in Snake River Basin Adjudication for Basins 71 and 72, pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1417, in accordance with the Director's Reports for Snake River Basin Adjudication Basins 71 and 72 filed with the Court and partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the district court may, by order, permit the distribution of water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, through water districts in

¹ This motion does not seek authorization for interim administration of domestic and stock water rights as defined under Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A(11).

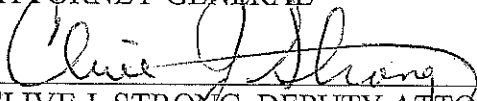
accordance with the Director's Report and the partial decrees for water rights acquired under state law or established under federal law. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the district court may enter the order after notice and hearing, if the district court determines that interim administration of water rights is reasonably necessary to protect senior water rights.

2. Interim administration of water rights in Basins 71 and 72 is reasonably necessary because an efficient means of administering water rights from ground water sources and some surface water sources in these basins does not exist. The establishment of a water district for these basins will provide the watermasters with the ability to administer water rights in accordance with the prior appropriation doctrine as established by Idaho law.
3. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-1417(2)(b), notice of this motion is being provided to all affected claimants in Basins 71 and 72 by mailed notice.

THEREFORE, the State respectfully moves this Court for an order authorizing interim administration of water rights in Basins 71 and 72 in accordance with the Director's Reports for these Basins and the partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports. The *Affidavit Of Timothy J. Luke In Support Of Motion For Order Of Interim Administration* and a brief in support of this motion are submitted herewith. Oral argument on this motion is requested.

DATED this 13th day of May 2005.

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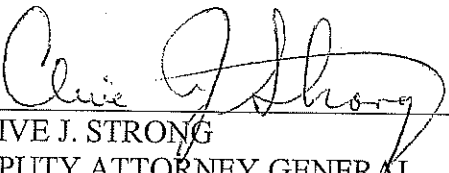

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the motion for interim administration for Basins 71 and 72 will be heard on September 20th at 1:30pm at the Blaine County Courthouse, First Street and Croy Street, Hailey, Idaho 83333.

DATED this 13th day of May 2005.

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