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) Subcases: See Attached Exhibit A
Case No. 39576	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO ALTEROR AMEND
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Appearances:

Craig Pridgen and Richard Harris, representing C.E. Brackett Cattle Co., Brackett Ranches Ltd., and Brackett Livestock, Inc.

Larry Brown, representing the United States.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On June 21, 2001, a *Special Master's Recommendation Denying Motions to Set Aside Partial Decrees* was issued in the 43 subcases listed on attached Exhibit A. The procedural background of these subcases was outlined therein and will not be repeated here. On June 24, 2001, C.E. Brackett Cattle Co., Brackett Ranches Ltd., and Brackett Livestock, Inc., (collectively the "Bracketts"), filed a *Motion to Alter or Amend Special Master's Recommendation Denying Motions to Set Aside Partial Decrees*.

On January 3, 2002, the United States filed a *Memorandum in Opposition to Bracketts' Motion to Alter or Amend*. The Bracketts filed a Reply thereto on January 10, 2002. The matter was heard in open court on January 10, 2002.

II. DECISION

The Motion to Alter or Amend Special Master's Recommendation Denying Motions to Set Aside Partial Decrees filed by the Bracketts does not raise any legal or factual issues that were not adequately addressed in the Special Master's Recommendation Denying Motions to Set Aside Partial Decrees. Furthermore, the District Court's lengthy analysis in the Memorandum Decision and Order on Motion to Set Aside Partial Decrees, Subcases 55-2373 et al., (LU Ranching Co.), is directly on point, and is currently the law of the case. The Bracketts have not attempted to factually or legally distinguish the instant motion from the LU Ranching Co., decision.

Accordingly, the Brackett's Motion to Alter or Amend Special Master's Recommendation Denying Motions to Set Aside Partial Decrees is denied.

Dated March 12, 2002.

Thomas Cushman Special Master Snake River Basin Adjudication

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