

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
TWIN FALLS GROUNDWATER)
MANAGEMENT AREA)
_____)

ORDER ESTABLISHING
A GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has the responsibility to administer the ground water basins of the state to protect prior rights yet allow full economic development; and,

WHEREAS, there is a concern that the present stage of permitted development of the thermal-artesian groundwater system in the Twin Falls Area may be approaching the conditions of a critical groundwater area; and,

WHEREAS, a study performed by a private consulting firm on several wells in this system indicates that the thermal resource is limited and that significant interferences between wells may occur; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the resource, the construction of all wells in the area must be monitored and controlled; and,

WHEREAS, Section 42-233b, Idaho Code, authorizes the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to designate areas as "ground water management areas" to allow increased management of the ground water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following described area be included within and designated as the "Twin Falls Ground Water Management Area" pursuant to provisions of Section 42-233b, Idaho Code:

From the point of beginning at the intersection of the Township line between 10 South and 11 South, and the Range line between 18 East and 19 East; thence northerly along the Range line approximately 4.1 miles to the North Rim of the Snake River Canyon; thence northwesterly along the North Rim of the Snake River Canyon approximately 4.3 miles to the intersection of the Rim, Township 9 South and Township 10 South; thence westerly approximately 0.1 mile to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 18 East; thence northerly approximately 1.0 miles to the northwest corner of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 18 East; thence westerly

approximately 5.9 miles to the North Rim of the Snake River Canyon; thence north and west along the North Rim of the Snake River Canyon approximately 22.3 miles to the intersection of the Rim and the West section line of Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 14 East; thence northerly 3.4 miles to the northeast corner of Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 14 East; thence westerly approximately 3.0 miles to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 13 East; thence southerly approximately 1 mile to the southeast corner of said Section 24; thence west to the Magic Water Company Main Canal, thence southerly along the canal to its source at Salmon Falls Creek in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 13 East; thence southwesterly along Salmon Falls Creek to the Township line common to Townships 10 South and 11 South; thence easterly along the township line to the point of beginning.

Excluding the Banbury Hot Springs Ground Water Management Area designated by the Director on April 12, 1983.

Dated this 11th day of January 1984.


A. KENNETH DUNN
Director