

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF)	
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THE RAFT RIVER)	ORDER MODIFYING BOUNDARIES OF THE
)	RAFT RIVER CRITICAL
CRITICAL GROUNDWATER AREA)	GROUNDWATER AREA
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WHEREAS, on July 23, 1963 the following part of the State of Idaho containing the Raft River Groundwater basin was declared to be a "Critical Groundwater Area" pursuant to Sections 42-226 and 42-233a, Idaho Code:

"Beginning at a point on the southerly boundary of the Burley Irrigation District on the line common to Ranges 24 and 25 East; thence South on said range line to the westerly boundary of Marsh Creek Drainage; thence southerly on said westerly boundary to Harrison Mountain; Thence southerly on the westerly boundary of Raft River Drainage to the south line of the State of Idaho; thence east of said south line to a point on the easterly boundary of Raft River Drainage; thence northerly along said easterly boundary to the Snake River; thence westerly along Snake River to the easterly line of the Burley Irrigation District; thence southerly and westerly along the boundary of said District to the point of beginning," and;

WHEREAS, subsequent study and investigation indicated that the area should be modified to withdraw from the "critical" designation certain portions lying in the Albion Basin and in the northern portion of the original area near Snake River, and on August 2, 1965, an order was issued removing those areas, and;

WHEREAS, the State Reclamation Engineer entered into contract with the U. S. Geological Survey to conduct studies and prepare a report on the groundwater resources within the designated critical groundwater area, and;

WHEREAS, the report was prepared and released by the U. S. Geological Survey and the Idaho Department of Water Administration setting forth the information determined in the study, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 42-233a, Idaho Code, the Director of the Department of Water Administration gave notice to the public that he was considering modification of the critical groundwater area by removing the portion generally north of the Yale-Cottler Road from the designation, and further gave notice that he intended to hold a hearing October 6, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in the Raft River High School to consider any oral or written statement that any person

might wish to make in support of or against the proposed modification, and further stating that the proposed modification would become effective October 19, 1970 at 8:00 a.m., and;


WHEREAS, at that hearing the Director of the Department of Water Administration extended the time within which individuals might submit written statements for a period of three weeks, or until October 27, 1970, and;

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Director of the Department of Water Administration the opening of the area proposed would not adversely affect water levels or water resources within the remaining area designated as critical groundwater area, and that all the requirements of the Idaho Code have been complied with as to the procedure for modification of such area;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area as described in the State Reclamation Engineer's order of July 23, 1963 be modified, effective at 8:00 a.m.; November 16, 1970, to include the area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 36, T. 10 S., R. 25 E. B.M., that point lying on the line between Ranges 25 E. B.M. and 26 E. B.M.; thence south along said line to the intersection with the easterly boundary of the Marsh Creek Drainage; thence southerly along the drainage divide between the Raft River Basin and the Marsh Creek and Goose Creek Drainage Basins, to the boundary line between the States of Idaho and Utah; thence easterly along said boundary line to the intersection of said boundary line with the drainage divide between Raft River Drainage Basin and Black Pine Drainage Basin; thence northeasterly along the eastern boundary of the Raft River Drainage to the intersection of the Section line common to Sections 26 and 35, T. 10 S., R. 29 E. B.M.; thence west along a line parallel to and one mile north of the line common to Township 10 South and Township 11 South to the northeast corner of Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 28 E. B.M.; thence north to the northeast corner of Section 18, T. 10 S., R. 28 E. B.M.; thence west to the northwest corner of Section 13, T. 10 S., R. 27 E. B.M.; thence south one mile; thence west one-half mile; thence south one mile; thence west one-half mile; thence south one mile to the northeast corner of Section 34, T. 10 S., R. 27 E. B.M.; thence west along a line parallel to and one mile north of the line common to Township 10 South and Township 11 South to the point of beginning.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1970.


R. KEITH HIGGINSON
Director