

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE BLUE GULCH CRITICAL)
GROUNDWATER AREA)
_____)

ORDER ESTABLISHING
CRITICAL GROUNDWATER AREA

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Water Administration has conducted a study of the groundwater resources of the Blue Gulch Area, and;

WHEREAS, information gathered during that study indicates that the available resource is limited and that with the present development water levels within the aquifer system are declining, and;

WHEREAS, the records of the department indicate the potential withdrawal and use of groundwater pursuant to the outstanding permits total more than four times the amount presently being withdrawn from the resource and would exceed the reasonably safe supply, and;

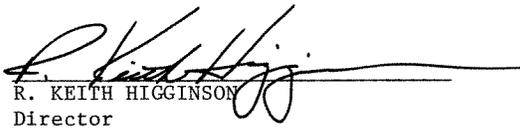
WHEREAS, Section 42-233a, Idaho Code, requires the Director of the Department of Water Administration to designate areas as "critical groundwater areas" in all situations where there is not sufficient groundwater to provide a reasonably safe supply for irrigation of cultivated lands, or other uses in the basin at the current rates of withdrawal or rates of withdrawal projected by consideration of valid and outstanding application and permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the following described area be included within and designated as the "Blue Gulch Critical Groundwater Area," pursuant to Section 42-233a, Idaho Code:

From the point of beginning at the southwest corner of Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 11 E., north to the northwest corner of Section 6, T. 10 S., R. 11 E., thence west to the southwest corner of Section 35, T. 9 S., R. 10 E., thence north to the northwest corner of Section 2, T. 9 S., R. 10 E., thence east to the northeast corner of Section 1, T. 9 S., R. 10 E., thence north to the northwest corner of Section 6, T. 8 S., R. 11 E., thence east to the Snake River, thence upstream to the power plant in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T. 8 S., R. 13 E., thence southeasterly along the road from the power plant to its junction with U. S. Highway 30, thence

southeasterly along U. S. Highway 30 to the line common to Ranges 13 E. and 14 E., thence south to the southeast corner of Section 24, T. 8 S., R. 13 E., 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, T. 10 S., R. 13 E., thence southwesterly along Salmon Falls Creek to the Township line common to Townships 10 S. and 11 S., thence west to the point of beginning.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1970.


R. KEITH HIGGINSON
Director