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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

In Re SRBA

Case No. 39576

Subcase No. 00-92021-69

**MOTION FOR INTERIM
ADMINISTRATION**

COMES NOW Crooked River Ranches, LLC (“CRR”) by and through its attorneys of record, McHugh Bromley, PLLC, and pursuant to I.C. § 42-1417, moves the Court to order interim administration of water rights from Crooked River in Basin 69.

1. The water rights from Crooked River were partially decreed by this Court. *See Declaration of Chris M. Bromley* filed contemporaneously herewith.
2. Basin 69, where the water rights from Crooked River are located has not been established as a water district by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. *See Declaration of Katie A. Shrum* filed contemporaneously herewith.
3. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the Court may, by order, permit the distribution of water pursuant to Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code, in accordance with the partial decrees for water rights acquired under State law.

4. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that interim administration may be ordered for an entire water system or portion thereof that could reasonably be determined to be adversely affected by entry of the order.

5. Idaho Code § 42-1417 provides that the Court may enter an order after notice and hearing, if the Court determines that interim administration of water rights is reasonably necessary to protect senior water rights.

6. Interim administration of water rights from Crooked River in Basin 69 is reasonably necessary because an efficient means of administering the rights does not exist. Interim administration and the establishment of a water district from Crooked River in Basin 69 will provide a watermaster with the ability to administer water rights in accordance with the prior appropriation doctrine as established by Idaho law.

7. In accordance with I.C. § 42-1417(2)(b), actual notice of this motion is being provided to water right holders whose water rights divert from Crooked River in Basin 69. *See Declaration of Chris M. Bromley.*

8. Counsel for the parties have previously raised the possibility of moving for interim administration with IDWR.

THEREFORE, CRR respectfully moves this Court for an order authorizing interim administration for water rights that divert from Crooked River in Basin 69 in accordance with the partial decrees. This *Motion* is supported by a *Memorandum In Support of Motion for Interim Administration*, the *Declaration of Chris M. Bromley*, and the *Declaration of Katie A. Shrum* filed contemporaneously herewith.

DATED this 19th day of December, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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