

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Sylte v. Idaho Department of Water Resources, Docket. No. 46062

Sylte appealed the district court's decision to affirm the Idaho Department of Water Resources's final order concerning distribution of water to water right 95-0734 in the Twin Lakes-Rathdrum Creek Drainage Basin. Sylte argued that the Department's instructions to the local watermaster were inconsistent with the 1989 Final Decree—which established all existing rights to Twin Lakes' surface waters, tributaries, and outlets—because they improperly limited the water right to Twin Lakes' natural tributary inflow. The Supreme Court affirmed the district court, holding the Department's distribution instructions complied with the plain language of the 1989 Final Decree.