

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

## PORTLAND DIVISION

**ERNEST STEVEN FLORES,**

Petitioner,

v.

**MARK NOOTH**, *Superintendent of Snake  
River Correctional Institution,*

Respondent.

No. 2:14-cv-1415-AC

OPINION AND ORDER

**MOSMAN, J.,**

On September 3, 2015, Magistrate Judge John Acosta issued his Findings and Recommendation (F&R) [28], recommending that Petitioner Ernest Flores' Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus [2] should be DENIED. No objections to the Findings and Recommendation were filed.

**DISCUSSION**

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a *de novo* determination regarding those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, *de novo* or under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See*

*Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Acosta's recommendation and I ADOPT the F&R [28] as my own opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2015.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman  
MICHAEL W. MOSMAN  
United States District Judge