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

In Re SRBA	)	Subcase No. 81-10358
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF JOE B. HUDSON
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: IDAHO

Joe B. Hudson, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

1. I am currently employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), as the District Ranger on the Moose Creek Ranger District of the Nez Perce National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 23 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the District Ranger, I am familiar the use of Shissler Peak Lookout.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for the Shissler Peak Lookout (Claim).

4. The Claim was prepared by Forest Service personnel as part of their normal duties. I verified the legal locations as set forth and described in Exhibit 1 and have personal knowledge that the location of the point of diversion and point of use and source of the water supply are true and correct as described in Exhibit 1.

5. The Claim is situated wholly within National Forest System lands. It is currently utilized by the Forest Service at Shissler Peak Lookout to manage National Forest System lands.

6. The Claim is necessary for the administration of the National Forest pursuant to the Organic Administration Act of 1897, 16 U.S.C. § 475 *et seq.*, for the purposes of securing favorable conditions of water flow and to furnish a continuous supply of timber.

7. The United States filed this Claim for use in association with Shissler Peak Lookout, an administrative site located in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness on the Nez Perce National Forest. The site is a two story fire lookout used every year for administration of National Forest resource management programs. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Shissler Peak Lookout is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Nez Perce National Forest. The primary purpose is fire: fire detection, fire suppression, fire management and fire prevention to

improve and protect the forest from destruction by fire, thereby ensuring continuing viability of the resources on surrounding federally reserved National Forest System land. Prevention of depredation by fire contributes directly to other resource programs and conditions such as watershed protection, preservation of timber stands, wilderness character, trail maintenance, recreation access and public safety.

8. Based upon personal experience and knowledge, discussions with Forest Service personnel and review of relevant Forest Service records, including but not limited to, on-site inspection records, water has been historically, and is presently utilized at Shissler Peak Lookout in quantities up to and including 0.02 c.f.s. during the period of June 1 through October 31, as described in Exhibit 1.

9. Based upon the forgoing, I have personal knowledge of the following elements of the reserved water right claim:

a. The name and address of the claimant is:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting on behalf of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 550 W. Fort Street, MSC033, Boise, ID 83724.

b. The source of water is:

Spring, tributary to sinks

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 33 N, R. 12 E, S. 26 SWSW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 33 N, R. 12 E, S. 27 SESE.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.02 c.f.s.

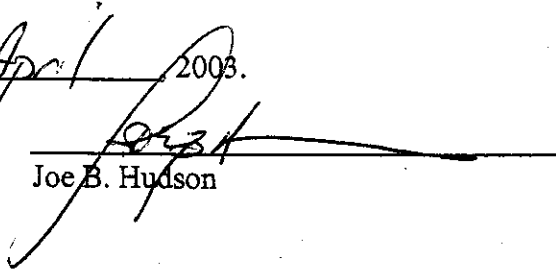
e. The period of use is:

June 1 through October 31

f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Shissler Peak Lookout.

Dated this 10 day of April, 2003.


Joe B. Hudson

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 10th day of April, 2003.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Clerk of the Dist. Court

Residing at: Granville, Alaska 99580

My Commission Expires:

Jan 2007

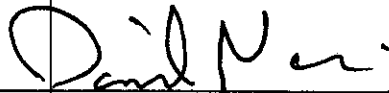
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on May 2, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Joe B. Hudson upon the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 81-10358

Name and Address: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE
USDA FOREST SERVICE
550 W FORT ST MSC 033
BOISE, ID 83724

Source: SPRING

Tributary: SINKS

Quantity: .02 CFS

Priority Date: 02-22-1897

Point of Diversion: T33N R12E S26

SWSW

Within Idaho County

Purpose and

Period of Use: Purpose of Use
~~Domestic FOR LOOKOUT~~
Administrative

Period of Use Quantity
06-01 TO 10-31 .02 CFS

Place of Use: ~~Domestic~~
Administrative
T33N R12E S27

Within Idaho County

SESE

Other Provisions Necessary for Definition / Administration of this Water Right:

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0117 17060302 50 1711

Shissler Peak Lookout