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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. 75-11194
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF GARY L. MILLS
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: LEMHI

Gary L. Mills, 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 Fire Management Officer for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 36 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the FMO for the Salmon-Challis National Forest, I am familiar with use at Sagebrush Lookout.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Sagebrush 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 Sagebrush 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 Sagebrush Lookout, an Administrative Site located in the Frank Church River Of No Return Wilderness in a remote part of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The administrative site is a log fire lookout on a mountain top. Although it may not be staffed throughout the summer each year, it is relied on every year particularly during times of high fire danger, for administration of National Forest resource management programs. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Sagebrush Lookout is essential to the overall administration of Forest

Service programs on this part of the Salmon-Challis 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 continued 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, wild land character, and public safety thereby directly contributing to the maintenance of and improving watershed conditions, timber production and favorable conditions of water flow.

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 Sagebrush Lookout in quantities up to and including 0.01 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:

Sagebrush Spring

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 22 N, R. 17 E, S. 2 SWNW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 22 N, R. 17 E, S. 2 NWNW.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.01 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

June 1 through October 31

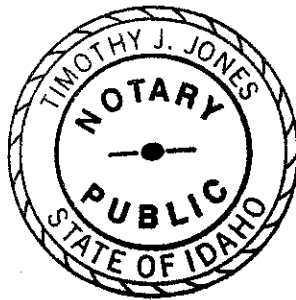
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Sagebrush Lookout.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2003.

Gary L. Mills
Gary L. Mills

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 18th day of April, 2003.



Timothy J. Jones

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Salmon

My Commission Expires: 2/16/08

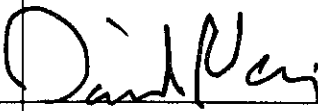
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I certify that on May 2, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Gary L. Mills to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 75-11194

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

Source: SAGEBRUSH SPRING Tributary: SINKS

Quantity: .01 CFS

Priority Date: ~~11-15-1906~~ 11-05-1906

Point of Diversion: T22N R17E S02 SWNW Within Lemhi County

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	~~Domestic~~	06-01 TO 10-31	.01 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	~~Domestic~~	Within Lemhi County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T22N R17E S02	NWNW

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0413 17060203 33 0004
Sagebrush Lookout

EXHIBIT 1