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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. 69-10279
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF MARY E. FARNSWORTH
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: ADAMS

Mary E. Farnsworth, 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 Council Ranger District of the Payette National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 16 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the District Ranger on the Council Ranger District I am familiar with use a Bear Work Center.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Bear Work Center (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 Bear Work Center 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 Bear Work Center, an Administrative Site located on the Payette National Forest. It includes a bunkhouse, a wash house, a generator house and other capital improvements. It is used every year for administration of National Forest resource management programs. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Bear Work Center is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Payette National Forest. A fire crew is normally stationed at this site. Their primary responsibilities are in fire - fire

suppression, fire prevention, and fire detection. Administration of NFS programs and presence in the area serves to protect the forest from depredations and destruction by fire, thereby ensuring continuing viability of the resources on surrounding federally reserved NFS land. This results in watershed protection and preservation of timber stands 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 Bear Work Center in quantities up to and including 0.02 c.f.s. during the period of May 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

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 20 N, R. 2 W, S. 6 SWSW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 20 N, R. 2 W, S. 7 SWNE.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.02 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

May 1 through October 31

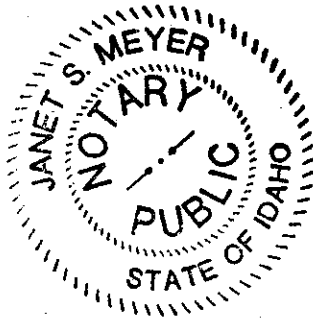
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Bear Work Center.

Dated this 23 day of April, 2003.

Mary E. Farnsworth
Mary E. Farnsworth

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 23 day of April, 2003.



Janet S. Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Council

My Commission Expires: 11/13/04

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 69-10279

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: 05-10-1906

Point of Diversion: T20N R02W S06

~~NESW~~ SWSW Within Adams County

Purpose and
Period of Use:

Purpose of Use
~~Domestic WORK CENTER~~
Administrative

Period of Use
05-01 TO 10-31

Quantity
.02 CFS

Place of Use:

~~Domestic~~
Administrative
T20N R02W S07

Within Adams County

SWNE

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0412 17050201 53 0154
Bear Work Center

EXHIBIT 1