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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. 67-12143
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF VINCENT D. WELBAUM
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: ADAMS

Vincent D. Welbaum, 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 Acting Fire Mangement Officer (FMO) and Helitack Foreman on

the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 25 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the Acting FMO and Helitack Foreman on the New Meadows Ranger District I am familiar with and use Price Valley Guard Station.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Price Valley Guard Station (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 Price Valley Guard Station 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 Price Valley Guard Station, an Administrative Site located on the Payette National Forest. The administrative site is in the midst of a significant renovation to serve as the headquarters for fire field operations on this part of the forest. It includes an office and ready room for fire operations, a warehouse, three barracks, eight other buildings 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 Price Valley Guard Station is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Payette National Forest. Fire personnel use this site to administer National Forest System(NFS) resource management programs, primarily fire - fire suppression, fire prevention, and fire planning. 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, preservation of timber stands, wild land character, recreation access 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 Price Valley Guard Station in quantities up to and including 0.02 c.f.s. during the period of April 1 through November 30, 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. 1 W, S. 34 SESW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 20 N, R. 1 W, S. 34 SESE.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.02 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

April 1 through November 30

f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Price Valley Guard Station.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2003.

Vincent D. Welbaum
Vincent D. Welbaum

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 17th day of April, 2003.

Germit H. Redman

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR:

Residing at: Dannelly, Idaho

My Commission Expires: 02-06-04

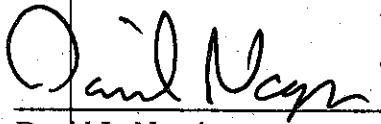
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I certify that on May 2, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Vincent D. Welbaum to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 67-12143

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

Source: ~~PRICE VAL~~ SPRING

Tributary: WEISER RIVER, EAST FORK

Quantity: .02 CFS

Priority Date: 05-10-1906

Point of Diversion: T20N R01W S34

SESW

Within Adams County

Purpose and

Period of Use: Purpose of Use
~~Domestic GUARD STATION~~
Administrative

Period of Use Quantity
04-01 TO 11-30 .02 CFS

Place of Use: ~~Domestic~~
Administrative
T20N R01W S34

Within Adams County

SESE

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0412 17050124 44 0303

Price Valley Guard Station

EXHIBIT 1