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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. 23-10769
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF GARTH ALLEMAN
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: BEAR LAKE

Garth Alleman, 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 (FMO) on the Montpelier and Soda

Springs Ranger Districts of the Caribou-Targhee National Forests. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 16 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the FMO on these ranger districts I am familiar with use at Bald Mountain Guard Station.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Bald Mountain 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 Bald Mountain 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 Bald Mountain Guard Station, an Administrative Site located on the Caribou-Targhee National Forests. The administrative site includes a cabin 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. Personnel use the site for a wide variety of administrative and survey purposes including archeologic, fishery, and range management work. Occupation and use of Bald Mountain Guard Station is an essential element to the overall administration of

Forest Service programs on this part of the Caribou-Targhee National Forests to protect timber and watersheds from fire and other depredations thereby ensuring continuing viability of the resources on surrounding federally reserved National Forest System land. This contributes directly to maintaining 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 Bald Mountain Guard Station in quantities up to and including 0.01 c.f.s. during the period of May 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:

Bald Mountain Spring

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 3 S, R.44 E, S. 13 SESE.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 3 S, R.44 E, S. 13 NESE.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.01 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

May 1 through November 30

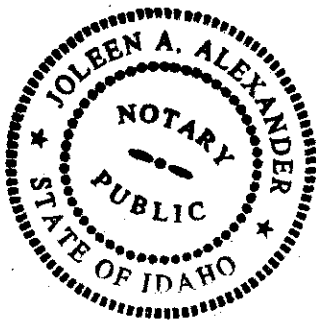
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Bald Mountain Guard Station.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2003.

Garth Alleman
Garth Alleman

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 28th day of April, 2003.



Joleen A. Alexander

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR:

Residing at: Montpelier, Idaho

My Commission Expires: 4-2-2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 23-10769

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

Source: BALD MOUNTAIN SPRING Tributary: MC COY CREEK

Quantity: .01 CFS

Priority Date: 01-15-1907

Point of Diversion: T03S R44E S13 SESE Within Bonneville County

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	~~Domestic~~	05-01 TO 11-30	.01 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	~~Domestic~~	Within Bonneville County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T03S R44E S13	NESE

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 040517040104100265 00
Bald Mountain Guard Station

EXHIBIT 1