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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. 81-10293
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM A. SCHUCKERT
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: LEMHI

William A. Schuckert, 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 a forester in the Supervisors Office of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 24 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as a forester on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, I am familiar with use at the Lantz Bar Guard Station.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Lantz Bar 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 Lantz Bar 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 Lantz Bar Guard Station, an Administrative Site located in a remote part of the Bitterroot National Forest surrounded by the Frank Church River Of No Return Wilderness and on the Salmon River within the congressionally designated National Wild and Scenic River corridor. The administrative site includes a residence and other capital improvements. The primary use is for a recreation river manager to contact and distribute information to visitors on the river. It is also

an important location for staging fire crews when there are fires in the wilderness and for structure protection at Lantz Bar because it is often threatened by wild fire. Normal access is by jet boat or aircraft. 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 Lantz Bar Guard Station is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Bitterroot and Salmon-Challis National Forests. Employee presence at Lantz Bar contributes to the prevention of fire and other depredations that may destroy natural resources in this area. Fire crews work to suppress fires in the wilderness. The work performed by these personnel contributes directly to timber production, maintaining watersheds and assuring 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 Lantz Bar Guard Station in quantities up to and including 0.02 c.f.s. during the period of March 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. 24 N, R. 13 E, S. 16 SENW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 24 N, R. 13 E, S. 1 NESW.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.04 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

March 1 through November 30

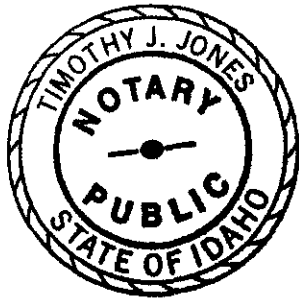
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Lantz Bar Guard Station.

Dated this 29 day of APRIL, 2003.

William A. Schuckert
William A. Schuckert

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 29th day of April, 2003.



Timothy J. Jones

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Salmon

My Commission Expires: 2/16/08

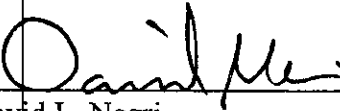
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I certify that on May 2, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of William A. Schuckert to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 81-10293

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: SALMON RIVER

Quantity: .02 CFS

Priority Date: 02-22-1897

Point of Diversion: T24N R13E S16

SENW Within Idaho County

Purpose and

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

Period of Use Quantity
03-01 TO 11-30 .04 CFS

Place of Use: ~~Domestic~~
Administrative
T24N R13E S16

Within Idaho County

NESW

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0103 17060207 76 A002
Lantz Bar Guard Station