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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. 75-13801
	)	
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 Hughes Creek Ranger Station.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Hughes Creek Ranger 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 Hughes Creek Ranger 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 Hughes Creek Ranger Station, an Administrative Site located on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The administrative site includes a residence, three bunkhouses, a shop and other capital improvements. It is used year round for administration of National Forest resource management programs. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Hughes Creek Ranger Station is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service

programs on this part of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Permanent district employees and their immediate families live at the residence. In addition, timber crews, thinning crews, trail crews with pack stock and river recreation personnel are routinely housed at the ranger station. Their work managing timber stands and maintaining access contributes directly to timber production, maintaining watersheds and assuring favorable conditions of water flow. Their presence also serves to prevent other depredations that may destroy these natural resources and the attendant resource values.

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 Hughes Creek Ranger Station in quantities up to and including 0.01 c.f.s. during the period of January 1 through December 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:

Hughes Creek Ranger Station Spring

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 25 N, R. 21 E, S. 22 NESW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 25 N, R. 21 E, S. 22 NENW.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.01 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

January 1 through December 31

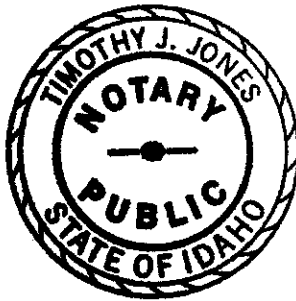
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Hughes Creek Ranger Station.

Dated this 14 day of APRIL, 2003.

William A. Schuckert
William A. Schuckert

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 14th day of April, 2003.



Timothy J. Jones

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Salmon

My Commission Expires: 2/16/08

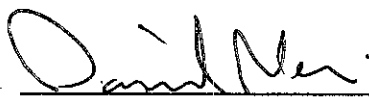
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on April 21, 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: 75-13801

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

Source: HUGHES CREEK RANGER STATION SPRING Tributary: SALMON RIVER,
NORTH FORK

Quantity: .01 CFS

Priority Date: 11-05-1906

Point of Diversion: T25N R21E S22 NESW Within Lemhi County

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	Domestic	01-01 TO 12-31	.01 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	Domestic	Within Lemhi County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T25N R21E S22	NENW

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0413 17060203 21 0004
Hughes Creek Ranger Station