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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. 77-10854
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF KEVIN P. CHAFFEE
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: IDAHO

Kevin P. Chaffee, 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 Salmon River Ranger

District of the Nez Perce National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 18 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the FMO for the Salmon River Ranger District, I am familiar with and use Black Butte Lookout.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Black Butte Lookout (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 Black Butte Lookout 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 Black Butte Lookout, an Administrative Site located in the Gospel Hump Wilderness in a remote part of the Nez Perce National Forest. The administrative site is a traditional two story fire lookout on a mountain top. It is relied on every year for administration of National Forest resource management programs, particularly during periods of high fire severity and lightning activity. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Black Butte Lookout is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Nez Perce National Forest. The primary purpose is fire: fire detection, fire suppression, fire

management and fire prevention to improve and protect the forest from destruction by fire, thereby ensuring continuing viability of the resources on surrounding federally reserved National Forest System land. Prevention of depredation by fire contributes directly to other resource programs and conditions such as watershed protection, preservation of timber stands, trail maintenance, 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 Black Butte Lookout in quantities up to and including 0.02 c.f.s. during the period of June 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. 25 N, R. 5 E, S. 19 NESE.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 25 N, R. 5 E, S. 20 NWSW.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.02 c.f.s.

e. The period of use is:

June 1 through October 31

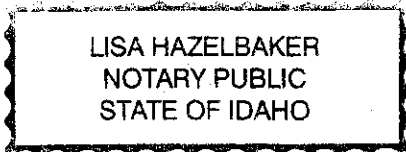
f. The purpose of use is:

Administrative purposes at Black Butte Lookout.

Dated this 18th day of MARCH, 2003.

Kevin P. Chaffee
Kevin P. Chaffee

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 18th day of March, 2003.



Lisa Hazelbaker

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Grangeville

My Commission Expires: 2-15-07

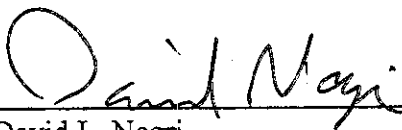
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I certify that on April 21, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Kevin P. Chaffee to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 77-10854

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: 05-22-1905

Point of Diversion: T25N R05E ~~S20~~ S19 ~~NWSW~~ NESE Within Idaho County

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	~~Domestic~~	06-01 TO 10-31	.02 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	~~Domestic~~	Within Idaho County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T25N R05E S20	NWSW

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0117 17060207 01 1412

Black Butte Lookout

EXHIBIT 1