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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. 47-15210
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN M. SPENCER
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: ADA

STEVEN M. SPENCER, 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 consumptive water use specialist at the Boise Adjudication

Team. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 26 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities, I oversee water right claims submitted by the Forest Service in the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA"). Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of claim number 47-15210, as amended and before the Court in the SRBA.

3. I have reviewed Exhibit 1, as amended by the Forest Service for Rock Creek Guard Station.

4. I have reviewed Forest Service historical records describing the reservation of early forest reserves, which later became known as National Forests. Based upon my review, the lands upon which the reserved water right claim is located, including both the legal locations of the point of diversion and place of use as described in Exhibit 1, were first reserved as the Cassia Forest Reserve on June 12, 1905, in A Proclamation signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. This is substantiated in historical documents maintained by the Idaho State Office of the United States Bureau of Land Management in Boise, Idaho. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the above referenced Proclamation.

5. The priority date, June 12, 1905, for this reserved water right claim corresponds to the date of the Proclamation creating the Cassia Forest Reserve. *See* Exhibit 2.

6. Based upon the forgoing, I have personal knowledge of the following elements of the federal reserved right claim 47-15210 attached hereto as Exhibit 1, submitted in the SRBA:

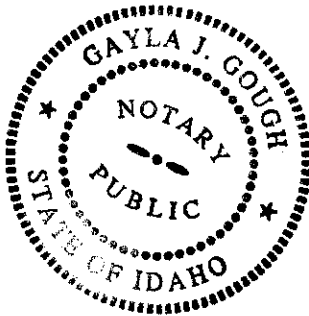
a. The land at the legal descriptions shown as the point of diversion and place of use is federally reserved National Forest System land. It was first reserved as the Cassia Forest Reserve on June 12, 1905, in A Proclamation signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. It is now part of the Sawtooth National Forest.

b. The name and address of the claimant is: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting on behalf of the USDA Forest Service, 550 W. Fort Street, MSC033, Boise, ID 83724.

c. The priority date is: June 12, 1905.

Steven M. Spencer
Steven M. Spencer

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 16TH day of April, 2003



Gayla J. Gough
Gayla J. Gough
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho
Residing at: Kuna, Idaho
My Commission Expires: 11/17/2004

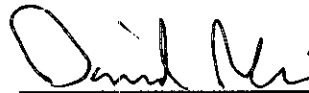
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on April 21, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Steven M. Spencer – 47-15210 to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

Copies to:

Chief, Natural Resources Division
Office of the Attorney General
State of Idaho
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Boise, ID 83711-4449

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David L. Negri

NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 47-15210

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: 06-12-1905

Point of Diversion: T14S R18E S25 SENE Within Twin Falls County

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	~~Domestic~~	01-01 TO 12-31	.02 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	~~Domestic~~	Within Twin Falls County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T14S R18E S25	NENE

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 041417040212210018 00
Rock Creek Guard Station

EXHIBIT 1

IDAHO

A PROCLAMATION.

June 12, 1908.

WHEREAS, it is provided by section twenty-four of the Act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes", "That the President of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations, and the President shall, by public proclamation, declare the establishment of such reservations and the limits thereof";

And whereas, the public lands in the State of Idaho, within the limits hereinafter described, are in part covered with timber, and it appears that the public good would be promoted by setting apart and reserving said lands as a public reservation;

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested by section twenty-four of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby make known and proclaim that there are hereby reserved from entry or settlement and set apart as a Public Reservation all those certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of Idaho and particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the north-west corner of Township thirteen (13) South, Range twenty-one (21) East, Boise Base and Meridian, Idaho; thence southerly to the north-west corner of Section eighteen (18), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of said section; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-west corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section

Cassia Forest Reserve, Idaho.
Preamble.
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Forest reserve, Idaho.

Description.

thirty-four (34), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of Section three (3), Township fourteen (14) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of the south-west quarter of Section three (3), Township fifteen (15) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence westerly to the south-west corner of said section; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section nine (9), Township sixteen (16) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section seven (7), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-five (25), Township sixteen (16) South, Range twenty (20) East; thence westerly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-three (33), said township; thence southerly to the boundary line between the States of Idaho and Nevada; thence westerly along said state boundary line to the south-west corner of fractional Section thirty-three (33), Township sixteen (16) South, Range eighteen (18) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section four (4), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said township; thence northerly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-five (25), Township fourteen (14) South, Range seventeen (17) East; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-seven (27), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section three (3), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-three (33), Township thirteen (13) South, Range seventeen (17) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section four (4), said township; thence easterly along the Second (2nd) Standard Parallel South to the north-west corner of Township thirteen (13) South, Range twenty-one (21) East, the place of beginning; such of the above-named corners as have not been established by the official surveys being intended to be located at the points where such corners would fall in projecting the surveys in the directions indicated without allowing for any irregularities which may occur in actually extending the surveys;

Lands excepted.

Excepting from the force and effect of this proclamation all lands which may have been, prior to the date hereof, embraced in any legal entry or covered by any lawful filing duly of record in the proper United States Land Office, or upon which any valid settlement has been made pursuant to law, and the statutory period within which to make entry or filing of record has not expired: *Provided*, that this exception shall not continue to apply to any particular tract of land unless the entryman, settler or claimant continues to comply with the law under which the entry, filing or settlement was made.

Reserved from settlement.

Warning is hereby expressly given to all persons not to make settlement upon the lands reserved by this proclamation.

Name.

The reservation hereby established shall be known as the Cassia Forest Reserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and of [SEAL.] the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-ninth.

By the President:

T. ROOSEVELT

FRANCIS B. LOOMIS

Acting Secretary of State.

