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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. 65-22203
	)	
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 65-22203, as amended and before the Court in the SRBA.

3. I have reviewed Exhibit 1, as amended by the Forest Service for Lowman Administrative Site.

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 Sawtooth Forest Reserve on May 29, 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 This is substantiated in historical documents maintained by the Idaho State Office of the United States Bureau of Land Management in Boise, Idaho.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, May 29, 1905, for this reserved water right claim corresponds to the date of the Proclamation creating the Sawtooth Forest Reserve. *See* Exhibit 2.

6. Based upon the forgoing, I have personal knowledge of the following elements of the federal reserved right claim 65-22203 attached hereto as Exhibit 1, submitted in the SRBA:

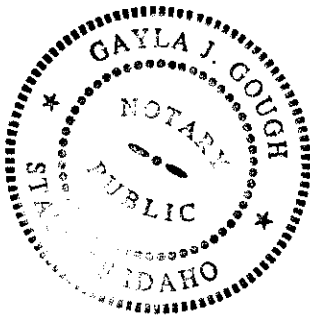
a. The land at the legal descriptions shown as the point of diversion and place of use is federally reserved National Forest System land. It was first reserved as the Sawtooth Forest Reserve on May 29, 1905, in A Proclamation signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. It is now part of the Boise National 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: May 29, 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

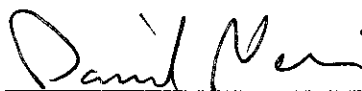
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on April 21, 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Steven M. Spencer – 65-22203 to the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

Copies to:

Chief, Natural Resources Division
Office of the Attorney General
State of Idaho
P.O. Box 44449
Boise, ID 83711-4449

IDWR Document Depository
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720



David L. Negri

NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 65-22203

Name and Address: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE
USDA FOREST SERVICE
550 W FORT STREET, MSC033
BOISE, ID 83724

Source: ~~LOWMAN WELL #2~~ GROUNDWATER Tributary: ~~SOUTH FORK PAYETTE~~
RIVER

Quantity: .04 CFS

Priority Date: 05-29-1905

Point of Diversion: T09N R07E S35 SENE

Purpose and Period of Use:	Purpose of Use	Period of Use	Quantity
	~~Domestic~~	01-01 TO 12-31	.04 CFS
	<u>Administrative</u>		

Place of Use:	~~Domestic~~			
	<u>Administrative</u>			
	T09 R07 S35	<u>Lot 1</u> NENW	<u>Lot 6</u> SENE	<u>Lot 5</u> SWNE
		<u>Lot 1</u> SENW	NWNE	

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved
Lowman Administrative Site

the north-east corner of Section twenty-nine (29), Township eleven (11) North, Range twelve (12) East; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section sixteen (16), Township ten (10) North, Range twelve (12) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-one (21), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-five (25), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty (30), Township ten (10) North, Range thirteen (13) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-three (33), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-four (34), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section three (3), Township nine (9) North, Range thirteen (13) East; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-six (26), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-five (35), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section one (1), Township eight (8) North, Range thirteen (13) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twelve (12), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section nineteen (19), Township eight (8) North, Range fourteen (14) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty (30), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-two (32), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section five (5), Township seven (7) North, Range fourteen (14) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-nine (29), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section thirty-one (31), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Township seven (7) North, Range thirteen (13) East; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section one (1), Township six (6) North, Range thirteen (13) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section eleven (11), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section fourteen (14), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-three (23), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty (30), Township six (6) North, Range fourteen (14) East; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-nine (29), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-three (33), Township six (6) North, Range fifteen (15) East; thence southerly, allowing for the proper offset on the First (1st) Standard Parallel North, to the south-west corner of Section fifteen (15), Township four (4) North, Range fifteen (15) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section thirty-four (34), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Township three (3) North, Range fifteen (15) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section one (1), Township three (3) North, Range fourteen (14) East; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section nine (9), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section thirty-two (32), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-five (35), Township three (3) North, Range ten (10) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of the south-west quarter of Section eleven (11), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of the north-east quarter of Section seven

(7), Township three (3) North, Range eleven (11) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section eight (8), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section four (4), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section five (5), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of the north-west quarter of said section; thence westerly to the south-west corner of the north-west quarter of Section one (1), Township three (3) North, Range ten (10) East; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section two (2), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-five (35), Township four (4) North, Range ten (10) East; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-seven (27), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section fifteen (15), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section ten (10), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section four (4), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section five (5), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section eight (8), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section seventeen (17), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section twenty-eight (28), said township; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-three (33), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section nine (9), Township three (3) North, Range ten (10) East; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section sixteen (16), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section thirty-two (32), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Township three (3) North, Range seven (7) East; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-four (24), Township three (3) North, Range six (6) East; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section eighteen (18), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section seven (7), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section six (6), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section thirty-two (32), Township four (4) North, Range six (6) East; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-six (26), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section twenty-five (25), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-four (24), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section nineteen (19), Township four (4) North, Range seven (7) East; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section eighteen (18), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section seventeen (17), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section eight (8), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section seven (7), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of Section twelve (12), Township four (4) North, Range six (6) East; thence westerly to the north-west corner of Section thirteen (13), said township; thence southerly

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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.

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

The reservation hereby established shall be known as The Sawtooth 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 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-ninth.

[SEAL.]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

FRANCIS B. LOOMIS

Acting Secretary of State.

