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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. 83-10177
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICK PARKER
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: CLEARWATER

Patrick Parker, 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 North Fork Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 31 years.

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

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, as amended and attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for Black Mountain 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 Mountain 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 Mountain Lookout, an Administrative Site located on the Clearwater National Forest. It is a two story structure on a mountain top used every year. The primary purpose is fire: fire detection, fire suppression, fire management and fire prevention to improve and protect the forest from

destruction by fire. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. Occupation and use of Black Mountain Lookout is essential to the overall administration of Forest Service programs on this part of the Clearwater National Forest to protect the forest from destruction by fire, thereby ensuring continued viability of the resources on surrounding 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, recreation access and public safety thereby directly contributing to maintaining 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 Mountain 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. 41 N, R. 7 E, S. 23 SWSW.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 41 N, R. 7 E, S. 23 SWSW.

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 Mountain Lookout.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2003.

Patrick Parker
Patrick Parker

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 20th day of March, 2003.



Roberta L. Morin

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Orfino, Idaho

My Commission Expires: 10/13/2005

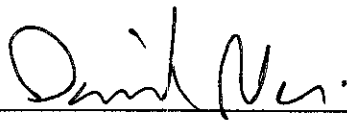
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

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NOTICE OF AMENDED CLAIM
RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Right Number: 83-10177

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: GRASSHOPPER CREEK

Quantity: .02 CFS

Priority Date: 11-06-1906

Point of Diversion: T41N R07E S23 SWSW Within Clearwater 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 Clearwater County
	<u>Administrative</u>	
	T41N R07E S23	SWSW

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

Explanatory Material: Basis of Claim - Reserved

FOREST SERVICE RECORD ID = 0105 17060307 00 A004
Black Mountain Lookout