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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(s): 35-12996
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	)	AFFIDAVIT OF
	)	DEENA M. TEEL
Case No. 39576	)	
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STATE OF IDAHO	)	
	)	ss:
COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE	)	

I Deena M. Teel , being first duly sworn, do depose and state:

1. My name is Deena M. Teel. I am currently employed by the United States,
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as an Ecologist for the Idaho

Falls Field Office, Upper Snake River District located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. I have extensive knowledge of, and experience with, the official business records of BLM associated with its water right claim filings in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). In the 9 years that I have been dealing with water rights, I have: investigated thousands of claims; collected, compiled and analyzed factual information and evidence for thousands of water right claims; and reviewed and analyzed countless numbers of official business records associated with water rights and maintained by BLM, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), several Idaho Counties, and various federal agencies.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities, I am responsible for coordinating the activities of BLM within the SRBA for the Upper Snake River District (USRD), and individually responsible for handling the water right claims made by the United States of America on behalf of BLM for the Idaho Falls Field Office within the USRD.

3. At the request of counsel for the United States, I have reviewed the official business records of BLM that comprise the SRBA Water Right Claim files for the above captioned SRBA claim made by the United States of America on behalf of the BLM and have reached the determinations described below.

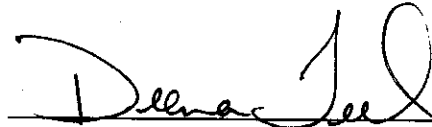
4. The Master Title Plats are official business records of the United States that identify United States' property and its status. I have reviewed these records and determined that the federal public domain containing the water sources asserted in the above captioned SRBA claims are located on unreserved federal public domain as of April 17, 1926; and this land currently remains under Department of Interior administration.

5. The claimed water sources were confirmed by field investigation.

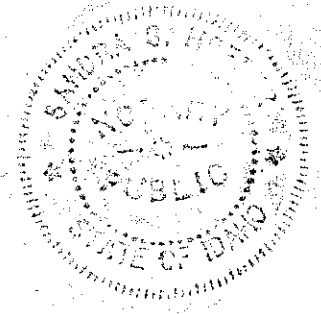
6. Based upon the field verification and my review of the field investigation

documents, the source of water for this claim is a natural playa located at the claimed Point of Diversion and Place of Use.

7. Based upon the field verification and my review of the field investigation documents, there is sufficient surface water at this site for consumptive use by livestock.


Deena Teel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 2002.
Witnessed by my hand and official seal.




Notary Public for the State of Idaho
Residing at: Idaho Falls
My Commission Expires: 11-25-2002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 12-9, 2002, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **AFFIDAVIT OF DEENA M. TEEL; SUBCASE NUMBER: 35-12996** by placing the documents in the United States Mail in Boise, Idaho, postage paid, and addressed as follows:

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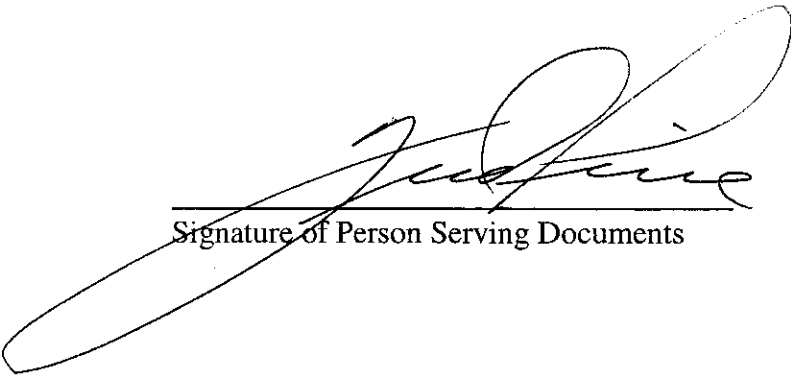
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