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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) **Sub-case Nos.: See Attachments A and B**
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Case No. 39576)
) **TWELFTH JOINT STATUS REPORT**
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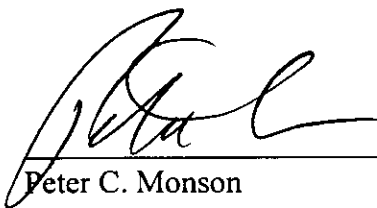
In accordance with the Court's Order Requiring Bi-Monthly Joint Status Reports and Trial Schedule Order, dated May 17, 2002, the undersigned parties have the following to report on the progress regarding settlement of the claims and objections which frame the issues before the Court in these consolidated sub-cases.

With regard to negotiations between the United States and the Tribes, the parties have held two meetings - one in Washington , D.C., and one via teleconference - to discuss the federal

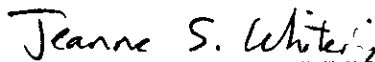
components of the overall settlement. As a next step, the parties are reviewing the information provided following the last conference call and intend to have a meeting in late January 2003, to discuss more concrete options. A final date for the meeting will be set soon, after the parties have resolved any scheduling conflicts.

The United States met with interested parties from the State of Oregon on January 16, 2003, to discuss any possible impacts which the proposed settlement agreement might have on downstream water users in that state. Resolution of any issues raised in those discussions would be included in the overall settlement agreement and/or the legislation implementing the agreement.

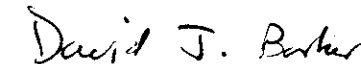
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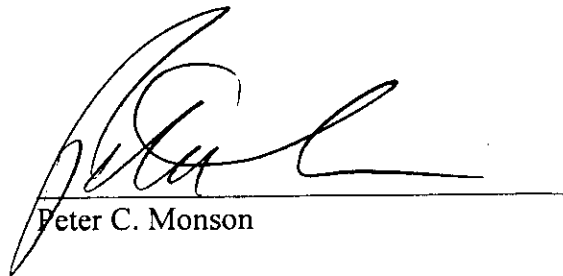
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