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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

Water Right Claim A29-11371

Case No. 39576

**AFFIDAVIT OF
CONNIE ROWLAND**

STATE OF IDAHO

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: ss.

County of Bannock

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CONNIE ROWLAND, after first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Power County, Idaho. I am 73 years of age and am competent to be a witness.

2. If called upon to testify, I can testify to the following, all of which are within my own personal knowledge or based upon my professional judgment.

3. In July 1970, my husband, Thomas E. Rowland, and I purchased the property at 1254 West Syphon Road, Pocatello, Idaho, which is the property at issue in this matter. The property is 13.1 acres, which for convenience purposes has been divided in what we have come to refer as the Lower Pasture and the Upper Pasture. The Lower Pasture is 7.2 acres and the Upper Pasture is 5.9 acres.

4. At the time we purchased the property, we were living at Rowland Dairy. Just above the property we purchased was an abandoned gravel pit that the dairy used for garbage disposal. Consequently, I often drove that road in an old Jeep with a load of household garbage before we ever purchased the property at issue in this matter. For at least five years before we purchased the property, I remember seeing the prior owner irrigating the entire 13.1 acres of the property.

5. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of an aerial map taken in 1968 that shows that the entire 13.1 acres of the property were irrigated that year.

6. The property has been irrigated with water diverted from a spring located on the property, which is more fully described in the Notice of Claim filed for Water Right No. A29-11371.

7. My husband passed away in 1980. From the time we purchased the property to the time of his death, my husband irrigated the entire property, encompassing both the Lower Pasture and the Upper Pasture, every irrigation season.

8. After my husband passed away, my son, Dan Rowland, and I were able to continue the yearly irrigation of the Lower Pasture during every irrigation season up and through the current year.

9. One or two years after my husband passed away (which would have been 1981 or 1982), we leased the Upper Pasture and the Lower Pasture for the pasturing of horses to a couple of gentlemen named Roger Seaton and Don Manning. I recall that they leased both pastures through 1985. During this time, the Lower Pasture *and* the Upper Pasture were irrigated at their insistence.

10. After this lease terminated, we found it difficult without my husband's help to continue with the yearly irrigation of the Upper Pasture. Consequently, we decided that we would limit our yearly irrigation efforts to the Lower Pasture and make sure that the Upper Pasture was irrigated as needed but at least every few years. We thought this was a prudent plan, particularly in light of the drought this area was facing and the fact that horses were not on the Upper Pasture every year.

11. My son began working as a truck driver in the early part of 1987 which took him away for long periods of time during the irrigation season. Without his help that year, I was unable to irrigate the Upper Pasture in 1987. This would explain why the 1987 aerial map relied upon by IDWR shows only the Lower Pasture being irrigated.

12. From 1989 to 2001, I leased the Lower Pasture and Upper Pasture to a gentleman named Mike Larkin for the pasturing of horses. For the first four years of the lease, we irrigated both the Lower Pasture and the Upper Pasture.

13. For the next eleven years from 1993 through 2004, we irrigated the Lower Pasture every year and irrigated the Upper Pasture when necessary and at least ever few years. This was in large respect dependent on when my son was home between truck driving jobs.

14. I specifically remember that my son and I irrigated both the Lower Pasture and the Upper Pasture in 1993, 1994, 1998, and 2000. Although the Upper Pasture may have received only a single sprinkling in each of these years, it was nevertheless irrigated.

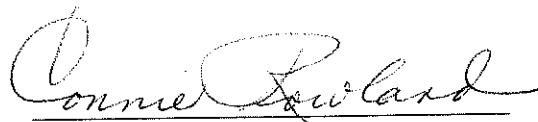
15. The Upper Pasture hasn't been irrigated the last few years because of breaks/leaks in the pipes that need to be repaired. We hired a welder in 2004 who welded and repaired the pipes for use during the upcoming 2005 irrigation season.

16. I intended to irrigate both the Lower Pasture and the Upper Pasture this 2005 irrigation season.

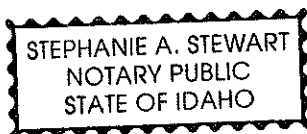
17. Although IDWR has already recommended the 7.2 acres of the Lower Pasture, I believe that our right to also irrigate the 5.9 acres of the Upper Pasture of our property has been preserved through our irrigation over time of both pastures. Consequently, I believe that IDWR should recommend my claim of 13.1 acres for Water Right No. A29-11371.

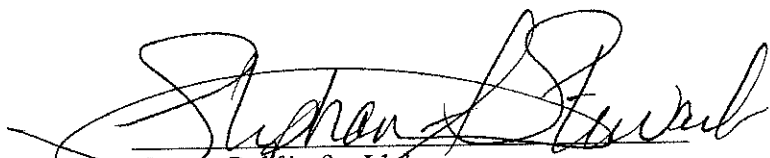
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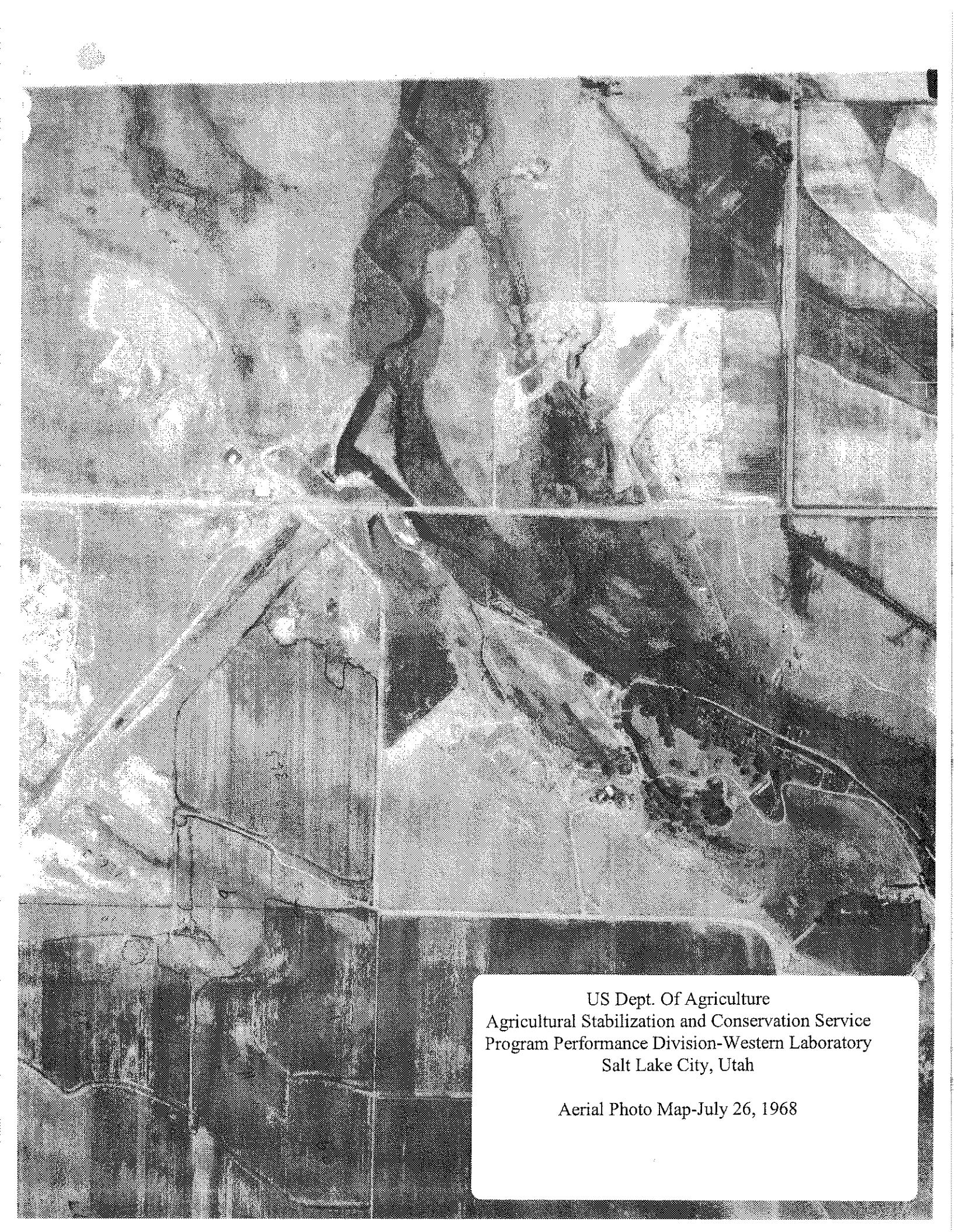
Dated this 26 day of April, 2005.


CONNIE ROWLAND

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 2005.




Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at Pocatello, ID
My commission expires 11-18-2008

An aerial photograph showing a patchwork of agricultural fields, some with distinct patterns of crops or irrigation. A white rectangular box is overlaid in the bottom right corner, containing text.

US Dept. Of Agriculture
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
Program Performance Division-Western Laboratory
Salt Lake City, Utah

Aerial Photo Map-July 26, 1968

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 29 day of April 2005, I mailed the original and copies of the attached document to the following persons:

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