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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. 81-10309
	)	
Case Number: 39576	)	AFFIDAVIT OF JOE B. HUDSON
_____	)	

State of: IDAHO
County of: IDAHO

Joe B. Hudson, 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 District Ranger on the Moose Creek Ranger District of the Nez Perce National Forest. I have been employed by the Forest Service for 25 years.

2. As part of my assigned duties and responsibilities as the District Ranger, I am familiar with the use of Coolwater Lookout.

3. I have reviewed the reserved water right claim, attached as Exhibit 1, submitted by the Forest Service for the Coolwater 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 place 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 Coolwater 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 Coolwater Lookout, an administrative site located in a remote part of the Nez Perce National Forest. The site is a traditional 14 by 14 foot fire lookout on a 30 foot tower. It is used every year for administration of National Forest resource management programs. Personnel utilize water at this site for administrative purposes. The primary purpose is fire: fire detection, fire suppression, fire management and fire prevention to improve and protect the forest from destruction by fire, thereby ensuring continuing viability of the resources on surrounding federally reserved 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, wilderness character, trail maintenance, recreation access and public safety.

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 Coolwater Lookout in quantities up to and including 0.04 c.f.s. during the period of July 1 through November 30, 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:

Indian Springs, tributary to Rackliff Creek.

c. The location is:

1) point of diversion:

B.M., T. 33 N, R. 8 E, S. 33 SESE.

2) place of use:

B.M., T. 33 N, R. 8 E, S. 33 NESE.

d. The quantity of water is:

0.04 c.f.s.

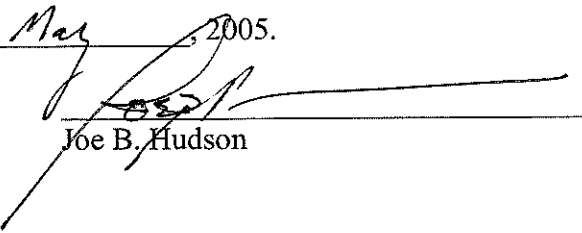
e. The period of use is:

July 1 to November 30

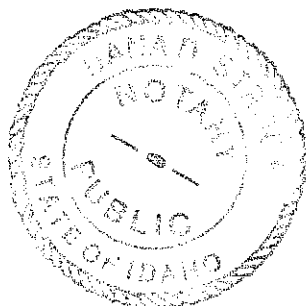
f. The purpose of use is:

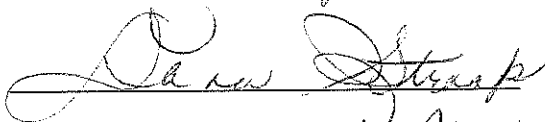
Administrative purposes at Coolwater Lookout.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2005.


Joe B. Hudson

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 3rd day of May, 2005.




NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: Idaho

Residing at: Changerville, Pa

My Commission Expires: 11-24-07

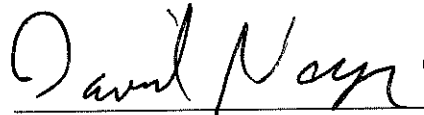
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on May 9, 2005, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Joe B. Hudson upon the following by First Class United States Mail, prepaid:

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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 THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: 81-10309

RESERVED UNDER FEDERAL LAW

1. Name of Claimant: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Address: 550 W. Fort Street MSC033
Boise ID 83724
2. Date of Priority: 02/22/1897
3. Source of water: INDIAN SPRINGS Tributary: RACKLIFF CREEK
4. Location Meridian BOISE
Description of Diversion Works: Headbox From: Spring
Location of Point of Diversion
T: 33 N R 08 E S: 33 SESE
Location of Place of Use
T: 33 N R 08 E S: 33 NESE
5. Quantity claimed: Period Quantity For
7 / 01 - 11 / 30 0.04 CFS Administrative
6. Total Consumptive Use Claimed for Present and Future Use is:
0.04 CFS
7. Present and future uses to which the water is or will be used:
Administrative
8. Remarks:
State Basin: 81
National Forest: Nez Perce
Forest Service Record ID: 1 17 17060302 1 0 0412
Coolwater Lookout

I verify to the best of my knowledge the statements contained in this document are true and correct.

Steven M. Spencer
STEVEN M. SPENCER
Consumptive Use Water Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me on:

11-17-04

Gloria Baimbridge
Notary Republic

Residing at:

Boise, Idaho - Ada County

My Commission Expires:

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