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Boise

Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Type of use, for water rights 78-4294, 78-4295, 78-4296, 78-4297, 78-4298A, 78-4299, 78-4301, 78-4302 and 78-4304.

To whom it concerns:

Water was used for commercial use, dust abatement, from the above water rights and streams in 1952 and probably earlier.

William Kerby, one of the former partners with J.I. Morgan Logging in New Meadows, Idaho, confirmed that one of the first jobs he had when he started work for Morgan in 1952, was watering roads for dust abatement. The truck used held 4000 gallons and would do up to 15 loads per day, or 60,000 gallons. Various operations would use between 3 and 15 loads per day, depending on location and distance to the main highway. Said water was removed from various points of diversion from one or more of the above streams on a daily basis for 1 to 4.5 months, from the middle of June through the end of October, depending on the weather.

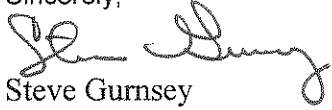
Claus White Sr., another former J.I. Morgan partner, confirmed this.

Other operators were also working in this basin and doing dust abatement. There have been between 1 and 5 logging operations in this basin every year since 1952. Present operations average between 3 and 12 loads per day for duration of up to 4 months.

Summary of water use for Dust Abatement in the Basin 78- Little Salmon River Drainage							
				One month	Two months	Three months	Four months
Loads per day per operation	# Operations	Gallons per load	Gallons per day	Gallons used in 20 days	Gallons used in 40 days	Gallons used in 60 days	Gallons used in 80 days
3	1	4000	12,000	240,000	480,000	720,000	960,000
3	3	4000	36,000	720,000	1,440,000	2,160,000	2,880,000
3	5	4000	60,000	1,200,000	2,400,000	3,600,000	4,800,000
6	1	4000	24,000	480,000	960,000	1,440,000	1,920,000
6	3	4000	72,000	1,440,000	2,880,000	4,320,000	5,760,000
6	5	4000	120,000	2,400,000	4,800,000	7,200,000	9,600,000
12	1	4000	48,000	960,000	1,920,000	2,880,000	3,840,000
12	3	4000	144,000	2,880,000	5,760,000	8,640,000	11,520,000
12	5	4000	240,000	4,800,000	9,600,000	14,400,000	19,200,000

If additional information is need please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gurnsey", written in a cursive style.

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