

LOWER SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT BLM

Affidavit for Water Right Claim No. 5101780334

IDWR #A51-12221, Jarbidge R. A.

Renumbered to 02-10075

1. My name is James H. Klott. I am the Jarbidge Resource Area Wildlife Biologist on the Lower Snake River District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). My current job responsibilities include: riparian zone inventory and monitoring, botany, fisheries, and wildlife monitoring of sensitive plant species. My past job experience includes checking on Clean Water Act 404 permit authorizations for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and working with National Wetland Inventory maps. My work for the past 5 years has been nearly exclusively for the Jarbidge Resource Area.
2. I have worked for the BLM since July 1988 and in the Jarbidge Resource Area since October 1991. As part of my responsibilities over the past 5 years, I have checked riparian and wetland plants, grazing use in riparian zones, and stream channel measurements. Through these field visits, I have become familiar with stream flows, water availability and livestock use of streams in most of the Jarbidge Resource Area.
3. I am familiar with the stretch of the Snake River claimed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) as Claim Number 5101780334, IDWR #A51-12221. This portion of the Snake River has documented perennial flows. While doing other field work in the area of this claim site, I have observed livestock trails leading into this segment of the river presumed for watering purposes.
4. Considering these observances, claim #5101780334 is a valid water claim for the beneficial use of watering livestock in a BLM grazing allotment.

I declare under a penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: April 24, 1997


James H. Klott
Wildlife Biologist

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State of Idaho)

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County of Twin Falls)

I, Michael L. Austin, a notary public, do hereby certify that on this 4-24 day of 1997, personally appeared before me James Klott, who, declared that (s)he is an employee of the Bureau of Land Management, that (s)he signed the foregoing affidavit as an authorized official of that agency, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Michael Austin

Notary Public

My Commission Expires on DEC 9 2002