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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 CSRBA

Case No. 49576

Subcase No. 91-7120

**CLAIMANTS DAVID AND RUTH
BLED SOE'S AMENDED RESPONSES
TO OBJECTOR'S FIRST REQUESTS
FOR DISCOVERY**

David and Ruth Bledsoe,

Claimants,

vs.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe, a federally-recognized
Indian tribe,

Objector.

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**CLAIMANTS DAVID AND RUTH BLED SOE'S AMENDED RESPONSES
TO OBJECTOR'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR DISCOVERY - 1**

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COME NOW Claimants David and Ruth Bledsoe, by and through undersigned counsel of record, and provide amended responses to Objector's First Requests for Discovery, which replace in total Claimants' previous Responses to Objector's First Requests for Discovery, dated March 7, 2016, as follows:

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: Please admit that the United States of America is the legal owner, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is the beneficial owner of the submerged bed and banks of Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the exterior boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 1: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 1 on the grounds that the term "exterior boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation" is vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 1 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns "the submerged bed and banks of Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the exterior boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation." Without waiving these objections, Claimants admit that in *United States v. Idaho*, 95 F. Supp. 2d 1094, 1117 (1998), the court stated the following: "[t]itle is quieted in favor of the United States, as trustee, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho, as the beneficially interested party of the trusteeship, to the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River lying within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation." However, Claimants deny that the United States and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe own any submerged bed and banks at Claimants' point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: Please admit that the United States of America, as the trustee, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, as the beneficially interested party of the

trusteeship, is entitled to the exclusive use, occupancy, and right to the quiet enjoyment of the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 2 on the grounds that it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns “the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.” Without waiving this objection, Claimants admit that in *United States v. Idaho*, 95 F. Supp. 2d 1094, 1117 (1998), the court stated the following: “[t]he United States, as trustee, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho, as the beneficially interested party of the trusteeship, are entitled to the exclusive use, occupancy and right to the quiet enjoyment of the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River lying within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.” However, Claimants deny that the United States and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe are entitled to the exclusive use, occupancy, and right to the quiet enjoyment of the bed and banks at Claimants' point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: Please admit that the State if [sic] Idaho is permanently enjoined from asserting any right, title or otherwise interest in or to the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 3: Objection is made to this Request for Admission No. 3 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding the State of Idaho's right, title or interest “in or to the bed and banks of the Coeur d'Alene Lake and the St. Joe River within the current boundaries of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.” Without

waiving this objection, Claimants admit that in *United States v. Idaho*, 95 F. Supp. 2d 1094, 1117 (1998), the court stated the following: “[t]he State of Idaho is permanently enjoined from asserting any right, title or otherwise interest in or to the bed and banks of the Coeur d’Alene Lake and the St. Joe River lying within the current boundaries of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation.” However, Claimants deny that the State of Idaho is permanently enjoined from asserting a right, title or interest in or to the bed and banks at Claimants’ point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4: Please admit that the Coeur d’Alene Tribe has the inherent right to exclude non-members of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe from tribally owned lands within the Coeur d’Alene Reservation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 4 on the grounds that the terms “inherent right,” “non-members,” and “tribally owned lands within the Coeur d’Alene Reservation” are vague and that this Request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of any admissible evidence. Without waiving these objections, Claimants admit that in *United States v. Idaho*, 95 F. Supp. 2d 1094, 1117 (1998), the court stated the following: “[t]he Coeur d’Alene Tribe of Idaho, as the beneficially interested party of the trusteeship, [is] entitled to the exclusive use, occupancy and right to the quiet enjoyment of the bed and banks of the Coeur d’Alene Lake and the St. Joe River lying within the current boundaries of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation.” However, Claimants deny that the Coeur d’Alene Tribe has any right to exclude Claimants from the lands at Claimants’ point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5: Please admit that the point of diversion for this claim is located within the exterior boundary of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 5: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 5 on the grounds that the term “exterior boundary of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation” is vague. Without waiving this objection, Claimants admit that the point of diversion for this claim is located within the current boundary of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation. However, Claimants deny that the United States and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe own the lands at Claimants’ point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6: Please admit that the presumed OHWM for Coeur d’Alene Lake and the St. Joe River is 2128 feet above sea level.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 6: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 6 on the grounds that the term “presumed OHWM” is vague and without temporal context. Without waiving this objection, Claimants admit that in *City of Coeur d’Alene v. Mackin (In re Ownership of Sanders Beach)*, the court stated the following: “[t]he current OHWM of the Lake is 2128 feet” and “the OHWM of Lake Coeur d’Alene has been 2128 feet since 1907.” 143 Idaho 443, 447, 147 P.3d 75, 79 (2006) (citing *Erickson v. State*, 132 Idaho 208, 211, 970 P.2d 1, 4 (1998)); *Id.* at 451, 83. However, Claimants deny that the historic OHWM or the natural high water mark for Coeur d’Alene Lake and the St. Joe River is or has always been 2128 feet.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7: Please admit that the point of diversion and/or some or all of the diversion works at issue in the above-encaptioned matter is below the presumed OHWM of the St. Joe River.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 7 on the grounds that the term “presumed OHWM” is vague and without temporal context. Without waiving this objection, Claimants admit that in *City of Coeur*

d'Alene v. Mackin (In re Ownership of Sanders Beach), the court stated the following: “[t]he current OHWM of the Lake is 2128 feet” and “the OHWM of Lake Coeur d’Alene has been 2128 feet since 1907.” 143 Idaho 443, 447, 147 P.3d 75, 79 (2006) (citing *Erickson v. State*, 132 Idaho 208, 211, 970 P.2d 1, 4 (1998)); *Id.* at 451, 83. However, Claimants deny that the historic OHWM or the natural high water mark for Coeur d’Alene Lake and the St. Joe River is or has always been 2128 feet and further deny that the point of diversion and/or some or all of the diversion works at issue in this claim are below the applicable natural or ordinary high water mark.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8: Please admit that the waters overlying the bed and banks at the location of Claimant(s)[’] water diversion point are navigable.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 8 on the grounds that the term “navigable” is vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 8 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding whether “the waters overlying the bed and banks at the location of Claimants’ water diversion point are navigable.” Without waiving these objections, Claimants admit that said waters are “navigable” according to Claimants’ understanding of the definition in Idaho Code Section 36-1601 and the definition in 33 U.S.C. § 1362.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9: Please admit that under Idaho law the point of diversion for a water right is the point at which water is diverted from a natural water channel and put to beneficial use.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 9: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 9 on the grounds that it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion on what constitutes “the point of diversion for a water right” under Idaho law and is not reasonably

calculated to lead to the discovery of any admissible evidence because it seeks a legal conclusion. Without waiving the objection, Claimants therefore deny the same.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: Please admit that Claimant(s) did not have permission to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River from either the United States or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe at the time the diversion works were constructed for this claim.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 10: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 10 on the grounds that the term "permission to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River" is vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 10 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns the "submerged lands of the St. Joe River." Without waiving these objections, Claimants admit that they did not have a permit from either the United States or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River at the time the diversion works were constructed for this claim. However, Claimants deny that the United States or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe owns the land upon which the diversion works may have been constructed and further deny that any such permission was needed.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: Please admit that since the time Claimant(s) began diverting water from the St. Joe River he/she has never received permission to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River from either the United States or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for Claimant(s)[] diversionary works.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 11 on the grounds that the term "permission to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River" is vague and the Request is vague as to time. Responding

Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 11 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns the “submerged lands of the St. Joe River.” Without waiving these objections, Claimants admit that they have never received a permit from either the United States or the Coeur d’Alene Tribe to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River for Claimants’ diversion works. However, Claimants deny that the United States or the Coeur d’Alene Tribe owns the land upon which the diversionary works may have been constructed and further deny that any such permission was needed.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12: Please admit that under Idaho law a water right may not be initiated or maintained in trespass.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 12 on the grounds that it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion on initiating a water right and trespass under Idaho law and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of any admissible evidence because it seeks a legal conclusion. Without waiving the objection, Claimants therefore deny the same.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13: Please admit that the Claimant(s) does not have the right to enter the lands of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe for the purposes of maintaining his/her diversion works.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 13 on the grounds that the terms “right” and “purposes of maintaining” are vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 13 on the grounds that it seeks a legal conclusion regarding who owns the lands at Claimants’ point of diversion and the rights of Claimants to their diversion works. Without waiving these

objections, Claimants deny the Request for Admission No. 13, including any assertion that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe owns the lands at Claimants' point of diversion.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14: Please admit that a decreed water right and/or an IDWR water permit or license does not authorize the holder of said right, permit, or license to trespass on the land of another for any purpose.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 14 on the grounds that the terms "IDWR water permit or license" and "for any purpose" are vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 14 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion on the rights of a water right holder and trespass under Idaho law and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of any admissible evidence because it seeks a legal conclusion. Without waiving these objections, Claimants therefore deny the same, including any assertion that Claimants have trespassed or are trespassing on the land of another.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15: Please admit that under Idaho law riparian rights are limited to the right to maintain adjacency to navigable waters and to build or use aids to navigation but does not provide for any right to make any consumptive use of water or right of access for the appropriation of water.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 15: Objection is made to Request for Admission No. 15 on the grounds that the term "right to maintain adjacency to navigable waters" is vague. Responding Claimants also object to this Request for Admission No. 15 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion on riparian rights under Idaho law and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of any admissible evidence because it seeks a legal conclusion. Without waiving the objection, Claimants therefore deny the same, including

any assertion that Claimants have no right to make any consumptive use of water or right of access for the appropriation of water.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: If you deny any of the Requests for Admissions 1-15 above, please state the legal and/or factual basis of each denial, if any.

ANSWER NO. 1: See Responses to Request for Admission Nos. 1-15.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Please identify the legal basis which you intend to rely upon for support of your statements in your response to the Tribe's objection:

"The U.S. did not reserve any other littoral or riparian rights in regard to the subject lands which are ordinarily attendant to waterfront property, including the right to access water, to wharfage, or to use the adjacent water. These rights are therefore appurtenant to and including [sic] with those waterfront lands sold by the U.S. and are subject only to State law regulation as provided by the Acts of Congress enabling the alienation of those lands."

ANSWER NO. 2: Objection is made to Interrogatory No. 2 on the grounds that the Claimants did not file the above-mentioned response to the Tribe's objection.

Notwithstanding the objection, the response to the Tribe's objection speaks for itself.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Does the Claimant(s) hold an encroachment permit from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for any purpose? If so, what is the encroachment type and Tribal permit number?

ANSWER NO. 3: Claimants' encroachment permits from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, if any, are available to and held by the Tribe.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Before installing the diversionary works in the St. Joe River, did Claimant(s), or Claimant(s)[] predecessors in title request the permission of either the United States or Tribe to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River?

ANSWER NO. 4: Objection is made to Interrogatory No. 4 on the grounds that the term “permission...to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River” is vague and the Interrogatory is vague as to time. Responding Claimants also object to this Interrogatory No. 4 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns the “submerged lands of the St. Joe River.” Without waiving these objections, Claimants did not request permission of either the United States or the Coeur d’Alene Tribe to encroach upon the submerged lands of the St. Joe River for the installation of their diversionary works. However, Claimants did not need such permission because the United States and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe do not own the land upon which the diversionary works may have been installed.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Please state the name, address, telephone number, and type of testimony, lay or expert, for any witnesses you may call at trial of this matter.

ANSWER NO. 5: Claimants are unsure, at this time, whom they may call as witnesses at the time of hearing. Claimants reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner prior to hearing and pursuant to any trial schedule produced by the court. Claimants may call any and all of the individuals identified during discovery, to include, but not be limited to the following individuals:

a) Claimants, David and Ruth Bledsoe, c/o Norman Semanko, Attorney at Law, 101 S. Capitol Blvd., 10th Floor, P.O. Box 829, Boise, Idaho 83701-0829.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: For each person listed as an expert witness above, please:

- (a) State the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify;
- (b) Provide a complete statement of all opinions to be expressed and the basis and reasons therefore;

(c) Provide the facts, data or other information considered by the witness in forming his or her opinions;

(d) Note any exhibits to be used by the expert witness as a summary of or support for the opinions; and,

(e) Provide the qualifications of the witness, including a list of all publications (co)authored by the witness within the preceding ten (10) years, the compensation to be paid for the testimony, and a list of other cases in which the witness has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the four preceding years.

ANSWER NO. 6: Claimants are unsure, at this time, whom they may call as witnesses at the time of hearing. Claimants reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner prior to hearing and pursuant to any trial schedule produced by the court.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Please describe the Claimant(s)[] diversion works and water system from the point of diversion to the place of use, including but not limited to, a description of all materials located in the water, the pump capacity (in gallons per minute), the conduit diameter(s) (in inches), any storage facilities on the property (and storage volume in gallons), and a description of the water conveyance on the property.

ANSWER NO. 7: Objection is made to Interrogatory No. 7 on the grounds that the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents containing the information requested in Interrogatory No. 7 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional description of their

diversion works and water system, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: If the Claimant(s) assert anyone other than the Coeur d'Alene Tribe owns the submerged lands underlying the claimant's point of diversion please list the name and contact information of such person or entity.

ANSWER NO. 8: Objection is made to Interrogatory No. 8 on the grounds that the Interrogatory is vague as to time. Responding Claimants also object to this Interrogatory No. 8 because it seeks a legal conclusion or opinion regarding who owns the "submerged lands underlying the claimant's point of diversion." Notwithstanding the objection, Claimants or the State of Idaho own the submerged lands underlying the Claimants' point of diversion. The name and contact information are as follows: David and Ruth Bledsoe, c/o Norman Semanko, Attorney at Law, 101 S. Capitol Blvd., 10th Floor, P.O. Box 829, Boise, Idaho 83701-0829; State of Idaho, c/o Attorney General's Office, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Please produce any documents you assert support your factual and/or legal basis in answering Requests for Admission Nos. 1-15 and Interrogatories Nos. 1-8.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 1 on the grounds that it is vague and overly broad. Notwithstanding the objection, Claimants respond as follows: See documents previously produced or referenced and documents produced herewith.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of the deed, or other document, by which you acquired title to your

property. If you acquired your property by operation of law, please produce any documents which evidence the factual basis of your acquisition.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: See Exhibit A attached hereto.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of any title insurance policy (with declarations page) covering the real property to which the water right claim at issue in this matter is appurtenant.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: See Exhibit B attached hereto.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of any available engineering/draftsman drawings, reports, or other documents related to your property's water-system.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 4 on the grounds that the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents requested in Request for Production No. 4 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional engineering/draftsman drawings, reports, or other documents related to Claimants' water-system, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of a scaled elevation-view (side-cut view) diagram of the diversion works at issue in this case. On the diagram, please draw the OHWM and the ordinary low water mark.

Please provide the elevation of the pump, the elevation of the high/low point of the water line, the length of the water line (in feet), and depth of pump (in feet below OHWM). Please provide the lowest elevation of the entire diversion works.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 5 on the grounds that it is overly burdensome and the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, the documented information requested in Request for Production No. 5, if any, is available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of a scaled plan-view (top view) diagram of the property and diversion works at issue in this case. On the diagram, please include all property boundaries, structures, pasture, yard, gardens, and other locations where water use is occurring. Please include the location of the St. Joe River, the location of all components of the diversion works, pump, and water line, and the location of all water conveyance systems on the property.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 6 on the grounds that it is overly burdensome and the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, the documented information requested in Request for Production No. 6, if any, is available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of photos showing the diversion works and water-system, including but not limited to the pump, water lines and/or piping, pump house, and irrigation system.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7: Documents requested in Request for Production No. 7, if any, are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx> and the Idaho Department of Water Resources' Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication claims database at <http://www.srba.state.id.us/SREPT.HTM>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional photos showing the diversion works and water-system, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of any deeds, surveys, plats, or other document which relates to the property at the location of your point of diversion. In this request the term "property" means land appurtenant to your point of diversion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8: Documents requested in Request for Production No. 8 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx> and the Idaho Department of Water Resources' Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication claims database at <http://www.srba.state.id.us/SREPT.HTM>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional deeds, surveys, plats, or other documents that relate to the property at the location of the Claimants'

point of diversion, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner. See also Response to Request for Production No. 2.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9: Please produce a true, accurate, correct, and admissible copy of any water withdrawal permit(s) and license(s) and/or encroachment permit(s) you may hold from the Idaho Department of Water Resources and/or the Idaho Department of Lands.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 9 on the grounds that the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents requested in Request for Production No. 9, if any, are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx> and by public records request to the Idaho Department of Lands.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10: Please produce all I.R.C.P. Rule 26 material for any witness listed or noted as an expert witness in your answer to Interrogatories Nos. 5 and 6 above.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10: Claimants are unsure, at this time, whom they may call as witnesses at the time of hearing. Claimants reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner prior to hearing and pursuant to any trial schedule produced by the court.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11: Please produce documents related to available water use data for the diversion works and/or the property.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 11 on the grounds that the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents requested in Request for Production No. 11 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional documents related to available water use data for the diversion works and/or the property, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12: Please produce any documents related to other sources of water used by the Claimant(s) on the property and/or other claims made in the CSRBA by the Claimant(s) for other water rights appurtenant to the property and/or any additional water use permits or licenses acquired by the claimant since the commencement of the CSRBA for water use appurtenant to the property at issue.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 12 on the grounds that the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents requested in Request for Production No. 12 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx> and the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication claims database at <http://www.srba.state.id.us/SREPT.HTM>.

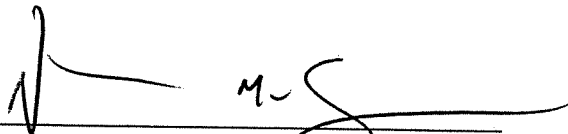
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13: Please produce any other documents which may be relevant to, or support, Claimant(s)' water right claim, Objector's objection, and/or any responses to the objection which have been filed in this matter.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13: Objection is made to Request for Production No. 13 on the grounds that it is overly broad and the information requested is equally available to the Tribe as to the Claimants. Notwithstanding the objection, documents requested in Request for Production No. 13 are available in the Claimants' licensing file online on the Idaho Department of Water Resources' website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx> and the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication claims database at <http://www.srba.state.id.us/SREPT.HTM>. Claimants do not have possession, custody or control of any additional documents which may be relevant to, or support, Claimants' water right claim, Objector's objection, and/or any responses to the objection which have been filed in this matter, but reserve the right to supplement this answer in a timely manner.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2016.

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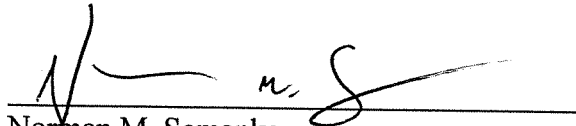


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) ss.
County of Ada)

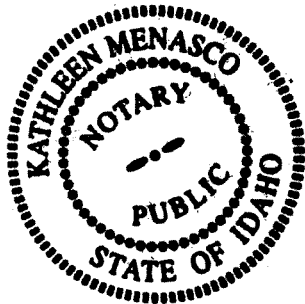
NORMAN M. SEMANKO, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

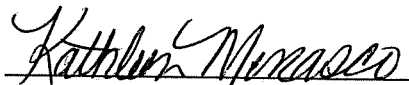
He is the attorney for the Claimants David and Ruth Bledsoe, in the above-entitled cause and makes this verification for and on behalf of said Claimants; that he has read the foregoing **CLAIMANTS DAVID AND RUTH BLEDSOE'S AMENDED RESPONSES TO OBJECTOR'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR DISCOVERY**, knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Norman M. Semanko

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ²⁸25th day of March, 2016.





NOTARY PUBLIC FOR IDAHO
Residing at Meridian, Idaho
My Commission Expires 10/29/2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of March, 2016, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **CLAIMANTS DAVID AND RUTH BLEDSOE'S AMENDED RESPONSES TO OBJECTOR'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR DISCOVERY** to be served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

Howard A. Funke
Kinzo H. Mihara
Dylan Hedden-Nicely
HOWARD FUNKE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
424 Sherman Avenue, Suite 308
P.O. Box 969
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816-0969
Facsimile (208) 667-4695

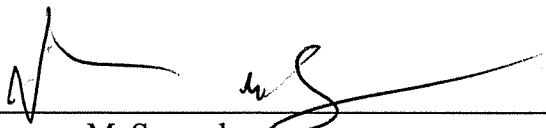
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Chief, Natural Resources Division
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF IDAHO
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Boise, ID 83720-0010

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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Norman M. Semanko

EXHIBIT A

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Return To:

Numerica Credit Union
PO Box 4000
Spokane Valley, WA 99037
ATTN: Peggy

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BENEWAH COUNTY
DEANNA BRAMBLETT, CLERK
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DEED OF TRUST

(OPEN-END CREDIT - FUTURE ADVANCED SECURED)

THIS DEED OF TRUST ("Security Instrument") is made on August 12, 2013.
The grantor is David Bledsoe and Ruth Bledsoe

The trustee is Brad L. Williams an Idaho attorney

The beneficiary is Numerica Credit Union,

which is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Idaho

and whose address is PO Box 4000 Spokane Valley, WA 99037 ("Lender"). Borrower has entered into a

("Borrower")

("Trustee").

("Agreement") with Lender as of the 12th day of August, 2013, under the terms of which Borrower may, from time to time, obtain advances not to exceed, at any time, an amount equal to the Maximum Credit Limit (as defined herein) of One hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (US 100,000.00) ("Maximum Credit Limit").

This Agreement provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on August 23, 2035. The Security Instrument secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt under the Agreement, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modification of the Agreement; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under paragraph 5 to protect the security of the modifications of the Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreement under this Security Instrument and the Agreement. For this purpose, Borrower irrevocably grants and conveys to Trustee, in trust, with power of sale, the following described property located in: Benewah, County, Idaho:

LT 27A, COTTONWOOD POINT 1ST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED
IN BENEWAH COUNTY, IDAHO.

PARCEL #: S17T46NR2W

Which has the address of 1640 COTTONWOOD DR

ST. MARIES

[Street]

[City]

Idaho

83861

[Zip Code]

("Property Address")

EXHIBIT B

Form No. 1056.06
ALTA Loan Policy (6-17-06)
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Policy No. 229947-SM
Policy Page 1

LOAN POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE

ISSUED BY

First American Title Insurance Company

Any notice of claim and any other notice or statement in writing required to be given to the Company under this policy must be given to the Company at the address shown in Section 17 of the Conditions.

COVERED RISKS

SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE, THE EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE B, AND THE CONDITIONS, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation (the "Company"), insures, as of Date of Policy and, to the extent stated in Covered Risks 11, 13, and 14, after Date of Policy, against loss or damage, not exceeding the Amount of Insurance, sustained or incurred by the Insured by reason of:

1. Title being vested other than as stated in Schedule A;
2. Any defect in or lien or encumbrance on the Title. This Covered Risk includes but is not limited to insurance against loss from:
 - (a) A defect in the Title caused by:
 - (i) forgery, fraud, undue influence, duress, incompetency, incapacity, or impersonation;
 - (ii) failure of any person or entity to have authorized a transfer or conveyance;
 - (iii) a document affecting Title not properly created, executed, witnessed, sealed, acknowledged, notarized, or delivered;
 - (iv) failure to perform those acts necessary to create a document by electronic means authorized by law;
 - (v) a document executed under a recalled, expired, or otherwise invalid power of attorney;
 - (vi) a document not properly filed, recorded, or indexed in the Public Records including failure to perform those acts by electronic means authorized by law; or
 - (vii) a defective judicial or administrative proceeding;
 - (b) The lien or real estate taxes or assessments imposed on the Title by a governmental authority due or payable, but unpaid;
 - (c) Any encroachment, encumbrance, violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting the Title that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the Land. The term "encroachment" includes encroachments of existing improvements located on the Land onto adjoining land, and encroachments onto the Land of existing improvements located on adjoining land.
3. Unmarketable Title.
4. No right of access to and from the Land.
5. The violation or enforcement of any law, ordinance, permit, or governmental regulation (including those relating to building and zoning) restricting, regulating, prohibiting, or relating to:
 - (a) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the Land;
 - (b) the character, dimensions, or location of any improvement erected on the Land;
 - (c) the subdivision of land; or
 - (d) environmental protection.
6. If a notice describing any part of the Land is recorded in the Public Records setting forth the violation or intention to enforce, but only to the extent of the violation or enforcement referred to in that notice.
7. An enforcement action based on the exercise of a governmental police power not covered by Covered Risk 5 if a notice of the enforcement action, describing any part of the Land, is recorded in the Public Records, but only to the extent of the enforcement referred to in that notice.
8. The exercise of the rights of eminent domain if a notice of the exercise, describing any part of the Land, is recorded in the Public Records.
9. Any taking by a governmental body that has occurred and is binding on the rights of a purchaser for value without knowledge.
10. The invalidity or unenforceability of the lien of the Insured Mortgage upon the Title. This Covered Risk includes but is not limited to insurance against loss from any of the following impairing the lien of the Insured Mortgage:

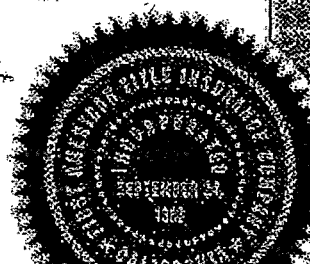
- (i) a document not properly filed, recorded, or indexed in the Public Records including failure to perform those acts by electronic means authorized by law; or
- (ii) a defective judicial or administrative proceeding;
11. The lack of priority of the lien of the Insured Mortgage upon the Title over any other lien or encumbrance;
12. The lack of priority of the lien of the Insured Mortgage upon the Title:
 - (a) as security for each and every advance of proceeds of the loan secured by the Insured Mortgage over any statutory lien for services, labor, or material arising from construction of an improvement or work related to the Land when the improvement or work is either:
 - (i) contracted for or commenced on or before Date of Policy; or
 - (ii) contracted for, commenced, or continued after Date of Policy if the construction is financed, in whole or in part, by proceeds of the loan secured by the Insured Mortgage that the Insured has advanced or is obligated on Date of Policy to advance; and
 - (b) over the lien of any assessments for street improvements under construction or completed at Date of Policy;
13. The invalidity or unenforceability of any assignment of the Insured Mortgage, provided the assignment is shown in Schedule A, or the failure of the assignment shown in Schedule A to vest title to the Insured Mortgage in the named Insured assignee free and clear of all liens;
14. The invalidity, unenforceability, lack of priority, or avoidance of the lien of the Insured Mortgage upon the Title:
 - (a) resulting from the avoidance in whole or in part, or from a court order providing an alternative remedy, of any transfer of all or any part of the title to or any interest in the Land occurring prior to the transaction creating the lien of the Insured Mortgage because that prior transfer constituted a fraudulent or preferential transfer under federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws; or
 - (b) because the Insured Mortgage constitutes a preferential transfer under federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws by reason of the failure of its recording in the Public Records:
 - (i) to be timely; or
 - (ii) to impart notice of its existence to a purchaser for value or to a judgment creditor.
15. Any defect in or lien or encumbrance on the Title or other matter included in Covered Risks 1 through 14 that has been created or attached or has been filed or recorded in the Public Records subsequent to Date of Policy and prior to the recording of the Insured Mortgage in the Public Records.

The Company will also pay the costs, attorneys' fees, and expenses incurred in defense of any matter insured against by this policy, but only to the extent provided in the Conditions.

First American Title Insurance Company

21 *Carl R. Johnson* MANAGER
22 *David H. Johnson* SECRETARY

Countersigned: *David H. Johnson*



- (a) forgery, fraud, undue influence, duress, incompetency, incapacity, or impersonation;
- (b) failure of any person or entity to have authorized a transfer or conveyance;
- (c) the Insured Mortgage not being properly created, executed, witnessed, sealed, acknowledged, notarized, or delivered;
- (d) failure to perform those acts necessary to create a document by electronic means authorized by law;
- (e) a document executed under a falsified, expired, or otherwise invalid power of attorney;

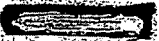
SCHEDULE A

First American Title Insurance Company

First American Title Company
831 Main Avenue
St. Maries, ID 83861

File No.: 229947-SM
Loan No.: 601115781
Address Reference: 1640 Cottonwood Drive St. Maries, ID
83861

Policy No.: 229947-SM

Amount of Insurance: 
Date of Policy: October 17, 2007 at 3:56 p.m.

Premium: 

1. Name of Insured:

Sterling Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, as their interests may appear, as defined in the paragraph entitled "Definitions of Terms" contained in this Policy.

2. The estate or interest in the land that is encumbered by the Insured Mortgage is:

Fee Simple

3. Title is vested in:

David Bledsoe and Ruth Bledsoe, husband and wife

4. The Insured Mortgage, and its assignments, if any, are described as follows:

Deed of Trust dated October 15, 2007 to secure an indebtedness of 
Recorded: October 17, 2007 as Instrument No.: 248591
Grantor: David Bledsoe and Ruth Bledsoe, husband and wife
Trustee: BRAD WILLIAMS C/O UPF INCORPORATED, A WASHINGTON CORPORATION
Beneficiary: Sterling Savings Bank

5. The land referred to in this policy is described as follows:

Lot 27A, Cottonwood Point First Addition, according to plat recorded in Benewah County, Idaho.

SCHEDULE B

File No. 229947-SM

EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE

PART I

[Except as provided in Schedule B- Part II,] This policy does not insure against loss or damage, and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees, or expenses that arise by reason of:

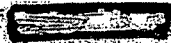
1. Taxes or assessments which are not shown as existing liens by the records of any taxing authority that levies taxes or assessments on real property or by the public records.
2. Any facts, rights, interest, or claims which are not shown by the public records but which could be ascertained by an inspection of said land or by making inquiry of persons in possession thereof.
3. Easements, claims of easement or encumbrances which are not shown by the public records.
4. Any encroachment, encumbrance, violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting the title including discrepancies, conflicts in boundary lines, shortage in area, or any other facts that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the land, and that are not shown in the public records.
5. (a) Unpatented mining claims; (b) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (c) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excepted under (a), (b), or (c) are shown by the public records.
6. Any liens, or rights to a lien, for services, labor or materials theretofore or hereafter furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the public records.
7. Agreements, if any, related to future assessment obligations not yet due and payable, which appear in the public records.
8. Agreements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and/or declarations affecting title, or violations thereof, if any, which appear in the public records or are shown on any recorded subdivision map or survey.
9. Easements or encroachments, if any, which appear in the public records or are shown on any recorded subdivision map or survey.
10. Any reservation or conveyance of minerals, gas, oil, sand, gravel or timber, or rights related thereto, including leases of said interests, which appear in the public records.

11. 2007 taxes are an accruing lien, not yet due and payable until the fourth Monday in November of the current year. The first one-half is not delinquent until after December 20 of the current year, the second one-half is not delinquent until after June 20 of the following year. Taxes which may be assessed and entered on the property roll for 2007 with respect to new improvements and first occupancy, which may be included on the regular property, which are an accruing lien, not yet due and payable.

General taxes as set forth below. Any amounts not paid when due will accrue penalties and interest in addition to the amount stated herein:

Year	Original Amount	Amount Paid	Parcel Number
2006			RP00100020027AA

Homeowners Exemption IS in effect for 2006.
Circuit breaker IS NOT in effect for 2006.
Agricultural Exemption IS NOT in effect for 2006.

12. Deed of Trust dated September 23, 2005, to secure an original indebtedness of  and any other amounts and/or obligations secured thereby
Recorded: September 26, 2005, as Instrument No. 239785
Grantor: David Bledsoe and Ruth Bledsoe, husband and wife
Trustee: First Idaho Title Company
Beneficiary: Sterling Savings Bank

Modification Agreement recorded April 25, 2006, as Instrument No. 242389.

13. Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2006, to secure an original indebtedness of  and any other amounts and/or obligations secured thereby
Recorded: April 25, 2006, as Instrument No. 242388
Grantor: David Bledsoe and Ruth Bledsoe, husband and wife
Trustee: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.
Beneficiary: Sterling Savings Bank

Modification Agreement recorded June 30, 2006, as Instrument No. 243227.

14. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Exclusions from Coverage are expressly extended to include those laws, ordinances or regulations of an Indian tribe or nation.
15. Public Records as defined in this Policy do not include records of an Indian tribe or nation, or any other repository of Indian Land Records, including, but not limited to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Titles and Records Office.

SCHEDULE B

PART II

In addition to the matters set forth in Part I of this Schedule, the Title is subject to the following matters, and the Company insures against loss or damage sustained in the event that they are not subordinate to the lien of the Insured Mortgage:

NONE.