

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 BEAR RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 79576

Claim ID: 11-4164

Date Received: 11/17/2023

Receipt No: N/A

Claim Fee: Exempt By: CH

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NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT

ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

For Domestic and/or Stockwater Purposes

Where Daily Use is less than 13,000 gallons per day

Please type or print clearly

- Name of claimant(s) United States of America on behalf of USDA Forest Service Phone (801) 625-5809  
Mailing address 550 West Fort Street, MSC 033, Boise, Idaho Zip 83724  
Street or Box City State  
Email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of priority: (Only one per claim) 06/01/1970 (Explain priority date selected in Remarks)  
Month/Day/Year (YYYY)
- Source of water supply (Check one) Ground Water ( ) or Other (X) (a) Spring  
which is tributary to (b) Sleight Canyon Creek
- Location of point of diversion is: Township 13S, Range 42E, Section 36,  
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, or Govt. Lot \_\_\_\_\_ BM, County of Bear Lake;  
Parcel no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional points of diversion, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
If available, GPS coordinates: Latitude: 42.250232 Longitude: -111.494264
- Description of diverting works (wells, pumps, spring boxes, pipelines, etc.) including the dates of any changes or enlargements in use, the dimensions of the diversion works as constructed and as enlarged and the depth of each well.  
Pond is still functioning and receiving water from a spring as seepage.
- Water is claimed for the following: (limited to domestic and/or stockwater uses - see page 1 of the instructions)

|                                                                                                      | Month/Day | Month/Day | cfs (X) or AFY ( ) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| For <u>Stockwater</u> purposes from <u>06/01</u> to <u>10/15</u> amount <u>0.02</u>                  |           |           |                    |
| For <u>Storage for Stockwater</u> purposes from <u>01/01</u> to <u>12/31</u> amount <u>0.10 AFY</u>  |           |           |                    |
| For <u>Stockwater from Storage</u> purposes from <u>06/01</u> to <u>10/15</u> amount <u>0.10 AFY</u> |           |           |                    |
- Total quantity claimed 0.02 cfs (X) or AFY ( )
- Non-irrigation uses. Describe fully. (Domestic: give number of homes; Stockwater: list number and kind)  
Cattle within the Paris-Liberty Allotment.

9. Location of place of use is: Township 13S, Range R42E, Section 36,  
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Govt. Lot \_\_\_\_\_ BM, Parcel no. \_\_\_\_\_  
If different than shown in Item 4  
for (check one) ☐ Domestic ☒ Stock ☐ Domestic and Stock ☐

Additional places of use, if any POU pond GPS is the same as the POD

10. In which county(ies) are lands listed above as place of use located? Bear Lake

11. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? Yes (X) No ( )  
If the answer is No, describe in Remarks below the authority you have to claim this water right.

12. Describe any other water rights used at the same place and for the same purposes as described above.  
\_\_\_\_\_ or None (X )

13. Remarks (include an explanation of the priority date selected):  
IDWR database contains the priority date information associated with WR11-4164 and this claim.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Basis of claim (check one) ☒ Beneficial Use ☐ Posted Notice ☐ License ☐ Permit ☐ Decree ☐  
Court \_\_\_\_\_ Decree Date \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff v. Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
If applicable provide IDWR Water Right Number 11-4164

15. **Signature(s)**

- (a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notices in the Bear River Basin Water System Adjudication."  
(b.) I/We do ( ) do not (X ) wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments: 1

**For Individuals:** I/We do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Organizations:** I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am, and that I have signed the foregoing document in the space below as the

Director of Lands and Minerals of USFS Intermountain Regional Office,  
Agent's title (Please print) Name of organization (Please print)

and that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Agent Kathryn J. Conant Date 11/16/2023  
Printed Name of Authorized Agent Kathryn J. Conant

16. **Notice of Appearance:**

Notice is hereby given that I, (please print) United States Department of Justice- See attached NOA, will be acting as attorney at law of behalf on the claimant signing above, and that all notices required by law to be mailed by the director to the claimant signing above should be mailed to me at the address listed below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of claimant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Claim ID \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT COURT - BRBA  
Fifth Judicial District  
County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho

JAN 17 2023

By \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Deputy Clerk

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**In Re BRBA**

**Case No. 79576**

**United States'**  
**Notice of Appearance**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that R. Lee Leininger, Katharine Laubach, and Mark Widerschein enter their appearances on behalf of the United States in the above titled action and in the subcases resulting from this action. Undersigned counsel enter their appearances under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§516 through 519, which authorizes Department of Justice attorneys to conduct litigation on behalf of the United States in any suit before any state court.

All attorneys listed will accept service of papers by regular U.S. Mail at the following address:

United States Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
550 West Fort Street, MSC 033  
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All overnight or hand deliveries should be made to the following street address<sup>1</sup>:

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Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)  
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Dated January 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,




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<sup>1</sup> The court modified SRBA Administrative Order 1 Rules of Procedure on March 31, 2021 with respect to service on the United States  
<http://164.165.134.61/images/2021-03/0039576xx09277.pdf>

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 17 January, 2023, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing  
UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF APPEARANCE as follows:

**Original via fax (208) 736-2121:**

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