

**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**

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**NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW**

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 79576

Claim ID: 11-7229

Date Received: 10/20/23

Receipt No: _____

Claim Fee: exempt By: MB

Please type or print clearly

1. 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) _____

2. Date of priority: (Only one per claim) 04/16/1981 (Explain priority date selected in Remarks)
Month/Day/Year (YYYY)

3. Source of water supply (Check one) Ground Water () or Other (X) (a) Spring

which is tributary to (b) Thomas Fork Creek

4. a. Location of point of diversion is: Township 11S, Range 46E, Section 33,
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Govt. Lot __, BM, County of Bear Lake

Parcel no. _____

Additional points of diversion, if any: _____

If available, GPS Coordinates Lat: 42.419716; Long: -111.084083

- b. If instream flow, beginning point of claimed instream flow is:

Township _____, Range _____, Section _____, _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4,

Govt. Lot _____, BM, County of _____

Ending point is: Township _____, Range _____, Section _____, _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4,

Govt. Lot _____, BM, County of _____

5. Description of existing diversion works (dams, reservoirs, ditches, wells, pumps, pipelines, headgates, 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.
WR 11-7229 is a licensed water right with IDWR; details on file.

6. Water is claimed for the following purposes:

(dates are inclusive MM-DD)

(cfs)

(acre-feet)

For Stockwater purposes from 06/01 to 09/30 amount 0.02 cfs or 0.1 AFY

For Storage for Stockwater purposes from 01/01 to 12/31 amount NA or 0.1 AFY

For Stockwater from Storage purposes from 06/01 to 09/30 amount NA or 0.1 AFY

For _____ purposes from _____ to _____ amount _____ or _____

7. Total quantity claimed (a) 0.02 (cfs) and/or (b) 0.1 AFY (acre-feet)

8. Non-irrigation uses; describe fully (e.g., Domestic: Give number of households served; Stockwater: Type and number of livestock, etc.) Cattle within the Montpelier-Elk Valley allotment

9. Description of place of use:

a. If water is for irrigation, indicate acreage in each subdivision in the tabulation below.

b. If water is used for other purposes, place a symbol of use (example: D for Domestic) in the corresponding place of use below. See instructions for standard symbols.

TWP	RGE	SEC	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
11S	46E	33												S					

Parcel no(s). _____ Total number of acres irrigated _____

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 your 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):

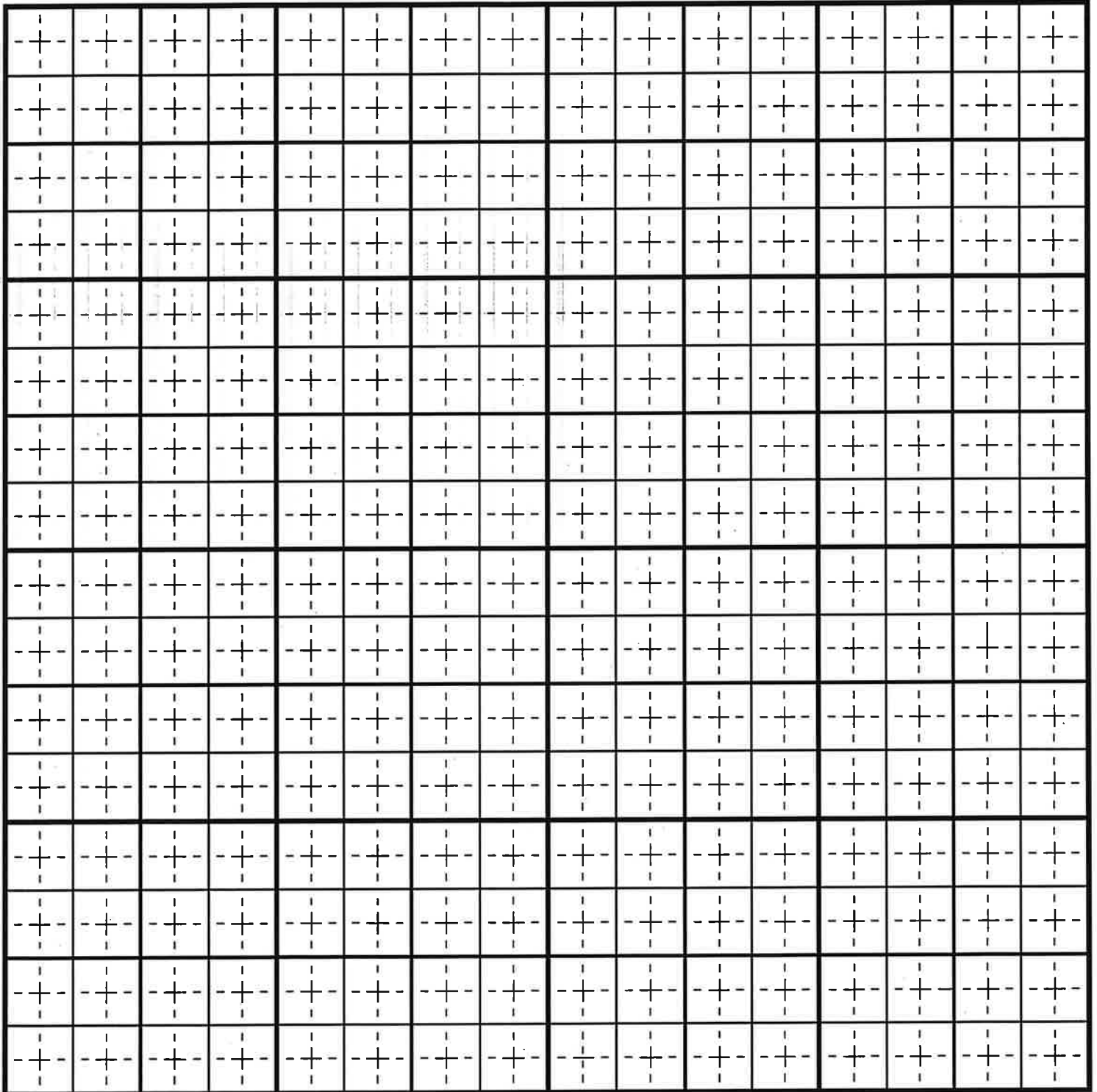
POU GPS is the same as POD

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Name of claimant(s) _____ Claim ID _____

Map of Project: Attach aerial photograph or topographic map showing clearly the point of diversion, place of use, section number, township, and range number, unless unavailable. Otherwise sketch the elements above on the grid below.

Scale: 2 inches equals 1 mile



Name of claimant(s) _____ Claim ID _____

14. Basis of claim (Check one) Beneficial Use () Posted Notice () License (X) Permit () Decree ()

Court _____ Decree Date _____ Plaintiff v. Defendant _____

If applicable provide IDWR Water Right Number _____ 11-7229 _____

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 10/19/2023

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 on behalf of 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
Boise, Idaho, 83724

All overnight or hand deliveries should be made to the following street address¹:

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Boise, ID 83702
(208)334-1211

Dated January 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ 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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