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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

CITY OF HAILEY, an Idaho municipal
corporation, and CITY OF BELLEVUE, an
Idaho municipal corporation,

Petitioners,

vs.

GARY SPACKMAN in his official capacity as
the Director of the Idaho Department of Water
Resources; and the IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES,

Respondents,

CITY OF KETCHUM, CITY OF FAIRFIELD,
WATER DISTRICT 37-B GROUNDWATER
GROUP, BIG WOOD & LITTLE WOOD
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, SUN
VALLEY COMPANY, SOUTH VALLEY
GROUND WATER DISTRICT, ANIMAL
SHELTER OF WOOD RIVER VALLEY,

Case No. CV-WA-2015-14419

**AFFIDAVIT OF EMMI L. BLADES IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
RESPONDENTS' BRIEF**

DENNIS J. CARD and MAUREEN E. MCCANTY, EDWARD A LAWSON, FLYING HEART RANCH II SUBDIVISION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., HELIOS DEVELOPMENT, LLC, SOUTHERN COMFORT HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, THE VILLAGE GREEN AT THE VALLEY CLUB HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AIRPORT WEST BUSINESS PARK OWNERS ASSN INC., ANNE L. WINGATE TRUST, AQUARIUS SAW LLC, ASPEN HOLLOW HOMEOWNERS, DON R. and JUDY H. ATKINSON, BARRIE FAMILY PARTNERS, BELLEVUE FARMS LANDOWNERS ASSN, BLAINE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT, BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61, HENRY and JANNE BURDICK, LYNN H. CAMPION, CLEAR CREEK LLC, CLIFFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSN INC, THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL INC, JAMES P. and JOAN CONGER, DANIEL T. MANOOGIAN REVOCABLE TRUST, DONNA F. TUTTLE TRUST, DAN S. FAIRMAN MD and MELYNDA KIM STANDLEE FAIRMAN, JAMES K. and SANDRA D. FIGGE, FLOWERS BENCH LLC, ELIZABETH K. GRAY, R. THOMAS GOODRICH and REBECCA LEA PATTON, GREENHORN OWNERS ASSN INC, GRIFFIN RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSN and GRIFFIN RANCH PUD SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSN INC, GULCH TRUST, IDAHO RANCH LLC, THE JONES TRUST, LOUISA JANE H. JUDGE, RALPH R. LAPHAM, LAURA L. LUCERE, CHARLES L. MATTHIESEN, MID VALLEY WATER CO LLC, MARGO PECK, PIONEER RESIDENTIAL & RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES LLC, RALPH W. & KANDI L. GIRTON 1999 REVOCABLE TRUST, RED CLIFFS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, F. ALFREDO REGO, RESTATED MC MAHAN 1986 REVOCABLE TRUST, RHYTHM RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSN, RIVER ROCK RANCH LP, ROBERT ROHE, MARION R. and ROBERT M.

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, GOLDEN
EAGLE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSN INC,
TIMBERVIEW TERRACE HOMEOWNERS
ASSN, and HEATHERLANDS
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.,

Intervenors.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF
WATER TO WATER RIGHTS HELD BY
MEMBERS OF THE BIG WOOD & LITTLE
WOOD WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
DIVERTING FROM THE BIG WOOD AND
LITTLE WOOD RIVERS

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Ada)

I, EMMI L. BLADES, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

1. That I am a deputy attorney general and represent the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”) in the above-captioned matter.
2. That the Respondents’ brief is due February 4, 2016.
3. That IDWR has not previously requested an extension of time in this matter.

4. That due to other urgent intervening matters related to water rights administration and briefing deadlines in other cases involving the Department, counsel will not be able to complete the Respondents' brief by the due date.

5. That I believe an extension of two (2) days, to and including February 8, 2016, is a reasonable and necessary extension.

6. That I have communicated this request to counsel for the Petitioners and that counsel does not oppose the requested extension of time.

7. That by extending the deadline for filing the Respondents' brief to February 8, 2016, the reply brief deadline will be extended to February 29, 2016.

8. I am reasonably assured that the Respondents' brief will be timely filed on or before February 8, 2016, should this request be granted.

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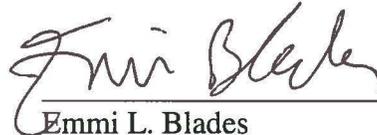
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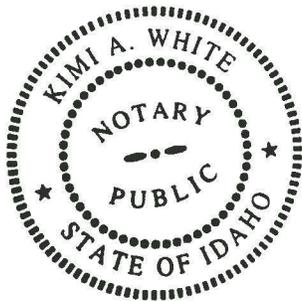
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2nd day of February 2016.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of February 2016, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be filed with the Court and served on the following parties by the indicated methods:

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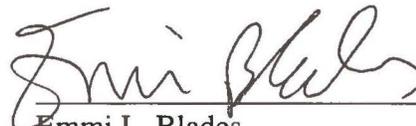
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