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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

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Please Complete and Return this Form by **JULY 1, 2007**

Primary Owner: **U S INYO NATL FOREST**

PRIMARY CONTACT OR AGENT FOR MAIL & REPORTING
U S INYO NATL FOREST
351 PACU LN STE 200
BISHOP, CA 93515

STATEMENT NO.: **S006958**
CONTACT PHONE NO.: (760) 873 - 2400

Source Name: UNNAMED SPRING
Tributary To: NINEMILE CREEK
County: Tulare
Diversion Within: NW¼ of SW¼ Section 33 T19S, R34E, MB&M

Year of First Use: 1900
Parcel Number:

A. **Water is Used Under:** Riparian claim X Pre-1914 right X Other (explain): _____

B. **Year of First Use:** (Please provide if missing above) _____

C. **Amount of Use:** Enter the amount (or the approximate amount) of water used each month, using the table below.

Amounts below are in: Gallons _____ Million Gallons (MG) _____ Acre-feet (AF) _____ Other _____

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual
2004					X	X	X	X	X				
2005					X	X	X	X	X				
2006					X	X	X	X	X				

D. **Purpose of Use** – Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering horses; Domestic No domestic use (No longer a resort here);

Other (specify) Recreational Use, Fish + Wildlife Protection + Enhancement

E. **Changes in Method of Diversion** – Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

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F. Please answer only those questions below which are applicable to your project.

1. Conservation of water
   a. Are you now employing water conservation efforts? YES ___ NO X
   Describe any water conservation efforts you have initiated: _____

   b. If you are claiming credit for water conservation under section 1011 of the Water Code for your claimed pre-1914 appropriative right, please show the amount of water conserved:

   Reduction in Diversions:

   Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG)

   Reduction in consumptive use:

   Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG)

   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conservation efforts. YES _____ NO _____

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2. Water quality and wastewater reclamation

   a. Are you now or have you been using reclaimed water from a wastewater treatment facility, desalination facility or water polluted by waste to a degree, which unreasonably affects such water for other beneficial uses? YES ____ NO X.

   b. If you are claiming credit due to the substitution of reclaimed water, desalinated water or polluted water in lieu of a claimed pre-1914 appropriative right under section 1010 of the Water Code, please show amounts of reduced diversions and amounts of substitute water supply used:

   Amount of reduced diversion:
   Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG)

   State the type of substitute water supply: _____

   Amount of substitute water supply used:
   Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG)

   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to the use of a substitute water supply. YES ____ NO ____.

3. Conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater

   a. Are you now using groundwater in lieu of surface water? YES ____ NO X.

   b. If you are claiming credit due to the substitution of groundwater for a claimed pre-1914 appropriative right under section 1011.5 of the Water Code, please show the amounts of groundwater used:

   Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG) Year ____ _____ (AF/MG)

   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to the use of groundwater. YES ____ NO ____.

I understand that it may be necessary to document the water savings claimed in "F" above if credit under Water Code sections 1010 and 1011 is sought in the future.

I declare that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: 6/8, 2007 at Bishop, California

SIGNATURE: Mary Beth Hennessy

PRINTED NAME: Mary Beth Hennessy
(first name) (middle initial) (last name)

COMPANY NAME: US Inyo National Forest

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STATEMENT NO.: S006958
CONTACT PHONE NO.: (760)873-2400

PRIMARY CONTACT OR AGENT FOR MAIL & REPORTING:

U S INYO NATL FOREST
351 PACU LN STE 200
BISHOP, CA 93515

Source Name: Unnamed Spring
Tributary To: NINEMILE CREEK
County: Tulare
Diversion Within: NW1/4 of SW1/4 Section 33, T19S, R34E, MB&M

Year of First Use: 1900
Parcel Number:

A. Water is used under: Riparian claim _____ Pre 1914 right ✓ Other (explain); _____

B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) _____

C. Amount of Use – Enter the amount (or the approximate amount) of water used each month.

Amounts below are: Gallons _____ Acre-feet _____ Other _____

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual
2001						✓	✓	✓	✓				
2002						✓	✓	✓	✓				
2003						✓	✓	✓	✓				

D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering _____; Domestic _____;
Other (specify) Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement

E. Changes in Method of Diversion – Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

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   Reductions in Diversions:

   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg)

   Reductions in consumptive use:

   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg)

   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conservation efforts. YES ___ NO ___

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2. Water quality and wastewater reclamation

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   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg)
   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to wastewater reclamation. YES ___ NO ___

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   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg)
   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conjunctive use efforts. YES ___ NO ___

I understand that it may be necessary to document the water savings claimed in "F." above if credit under Water Code sections 1010 and 1011 is sought in the future.

I declare that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: 3/7, 20 08 at Bishop, California

SIGNATURE: [signature]

PRINTED NAME: Andrew (first name) D (middle init.) Breland (last name)

COMPANY NAME: USFS Inyo National Forest

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

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Please Complete and Return This Form by July 1, 2001.

Owner of Record: U S INYO NATL FOREST ;

U S INYO NATL FOREST
873 N MAIN ST
BISHOP, CA 93514

Statement No: S006958
Password: 04190110012619
Phone Number: (619)873-5841

***If the mail recipient's name, address or phone No. is wrong or missing, please correct.**

Source Name: UNSP
Year of First Use: 1900
Tributary To: NINEMILE CREEK
County: Tulare
Parcel Number:
Diversion Within: NW1/4 of SW1/4 Section 33, T19S, R34E, MB&M

A. Water is used under: Riparian claim X Pre 1914 right _____ Other (explain); _____

B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) _____

C. Amount of Use – Enter the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Amounts below are: Gallons _____ Acre-feet _____ Other _____

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual
1998						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
1999						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
2000						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering horses ; Domestic _____ ;

Other (specify) RECREATIONAL

E. Changes in Method of Diversion – Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

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   I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conjunctive use efforts. YES ___ NO ___

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I declare that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: 04-03, 20 02 at BISHOP, California

SIGNATURE: Casey C. Shannon

PRINTED NAME: Casey C. Shannon
(first name) (middle init.) (last name)

COMPANY NAME: USFS

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1998

OWNER OF RECORD: U S INYO NATL FOREST

U S INYO NATL FOREST
873 N MAIN ST
BISHOP, CA 93514

STATEMENT NO: S006958

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SOURCE: UNSP
TRIBUTARY TO: NINEMILE CREEK
COUNTY: TULARE
DIVERSION WITHIN: NW¼ OF SW¼ SECTION 33, T19S, R34E, MB&M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 873-5841
YEAR OF FIRST USE: 1900
PARCEL NO:

A. Water is used under: Riparian claim X ; Pre 1914 right _____ ; Other (explain): _____

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1995													
1996													
1997													

D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres. Stockwatering HORSES ; Domestic _____

Other (specify) RECREATIONAL USE

E. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

F. If part of the water listed in Part C consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: 6/3, 19 98 at BISHOP, California

SIGNATURE: Lucinda J McKee

PRINTED NAME: LUCINDA (FIRST NAME) J (MIDDLE INIT.) McKEE (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME: USFS

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

STATEMENT NO: S006958
OWNER OF RECORD: U S INYO NATL FOREST

U S INYO NATL FOREST
873 N MAIN ST
BISHOP, CA 93514

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DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
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SOURCE: UNSP
TRIBUTARY TO: NINEMILE CREEK
COUNTY: TULARE
DIVERSION
WITHIN: NW¼ OF SW¼ SECTION 33, T19S, R34E, MDB&M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 873-5841
YEAR OF FIRST USE: 1900
PARCEL NO:

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COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1995.

A. Water is used under: Riparian claim X; Pre 1914 right _____; Other (explain) _____

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	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC	TOTAL ANNUAL
1992						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
1993						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
1994						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.
Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering Horses; Domestic Resort
Other (specify) _____

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F. If part of the water listed in Part C consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: 6/14, 19 95, at Bishop, California

SIGNATURE: Lucinda J. McKee

PRINTED NAME: LUCINDA (FIRST NAME) J (M. NAME) McKEE (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME: USFS

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(916) 324-5676

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

DIVERTER OF RECORD: STATEMENT NO: 006958

U S INYO NATL FOREST
873 NORTH MAIN STREET
BISHOP, CA 93514

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(619) 873-5841

IF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE NO. IS WRONG OR MISSING, PLEASE CORRECT.

SOURCE: UNNAMED SPRING

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COUNTY: TULARE

DIVERSION
WITHIN: NW1/4 OF SW1/4 SECTION 33, T19S, R34E, MDB&M.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete Items A. B and C. Item D should be completed if you replaced all or part of your regular water supply with reclaimed or polluted water. RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1992. (Additional information on reverse side of this form.)

A. Amount of Use - Fill in the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Amounts below are: ☐ Gallons ☒ Acre-feet ☐ _____ (other)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1989						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1.6
1990						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1.6
1991						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			1.6

B. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____

Stockwatering horses

Domestic resort

Other (specify) _____

C. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

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D. If part of the water listed in Part A consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: 6/2, 19 92, at Bishop, California

Signature: [signature]
Forest Hydrologist

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GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WATER RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

There are two principal types of surface water rights in California. They are riparian and appropriative rights.

A riparian right enables an owner of land bordering a natural lake or stream to take and use water on his riparian land. Riparian land must be in the same watershed as the water source and must never have been severed from the source of supply by an intervening parcel without reservation of the riparian right to the severed parcel. Generally, a riparian water user must share the water supply with other riparian users. Riparian rights may be used to divert the natural flow of a stream but may not be used to store water for later use or to divert water which originates in a different watershed, or return flows from use of groundwater.

An appropriative right is required for use of water on nonriparian land and for storage of water. Generally, appropriative rights may be exercised only when there is a surplus not needed by riparian water users. Since 1914 new appropriators have been required to obtain a permit and license from the State.

Statements of Water Diversion and Use must be filed by riparian and pre-1914 appropriative water users. The filing of a statement (1) provides a record of water use, (2) enables the State to notify such users if someone proposes a new appropriation upstream from their diversion, and (3) assists the State to determine if additional water is available for future appropriators.

The above discussion is provided for general information. For more specific information concerning water rights, please contact an attorney or write to this office. We have several pamphlets available. They include:

"Statements of Water Diversion and Use"
"Information Pertaining to Water Rights in California"
"Water Rights for Stockponds Constructed Prior to 1969"
"Appropriation of Water in California"