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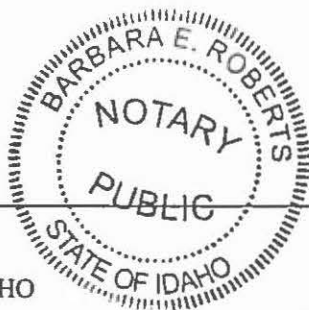
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That the notice, of which a copy is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said Post Register under ad number: 24265 for 2 consecutive (days) weeks, between 03/30/2017 and 04/06/2017, and that the said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of said paper on the respective dates of publication, and that such notice was published in the newspaper and not in a supplement.

*Staci Dockery*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of April 2017



*Barbara E. Roberts*

Notary Public  
My commission expires: 05/09/2019

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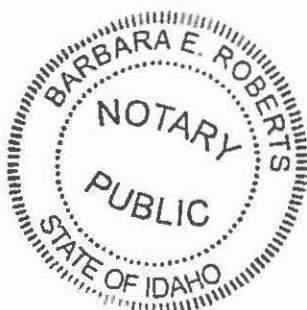
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COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of April 2017, before me, the undersigned, a Notary public for said state, personally appeared ~~Dawn Giannini~~ or Staci Dockery, known or identified to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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4-24-2017



*Barbara E. Roberts*

Notary Public for The Post Company  
Residing: Idaho Falls, Idaho  
Commission expires: 05/09/2019

**NOTICE OF PETITIONS TO DESIGNATE  
THE BIG LOST RIVER BASIN A CRITICAL  
GROUND WATER AREA OR GROUND WATER  
MANAGEMENT AREA AND INITIATION  
OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 19, 2016, Rose Bernal, Butte County Commissioner, submitted a letter to the Director ("Director") of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), including a petition requesting that the Director "designate a critical ground water area in the Big Lost River Basin." The petition was signed by numerous water users in support of the request.

On January 9, 2017, the Director received a letter from Moj Broadie, Chairman of the Big Lost River Ground Water District ("BLRGWD"), opposing the petition to designate the Big Lost River Basin as a critical ground water area and requesting the Director "allow the BLRGWD to have broad participation" in the consideration of designating the Big Lost River Basin a critical ground water area or ground water management area. On January 23, 2017, the Director received another letter from Moj Broadie, asking the Director to consider designating the Big Lost River Basin a ground water management area "with due process procedures that would enable all interested parties to participate. . . ."

The above-described letters are petitions as defined by the Department's Rule of Procedure 230. IDAPA 37.01.01.230. The petitions may be found on the Department's website for this matter at

<https://idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/critical-ground-water-areas/pending-petitions.html>

The Director will conduct formal proceedings to

address the petitions in accordance with the Department's Rule of Procedure 104. IDAPA 37.01.01.104. A copy of the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Department or at <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/0101.pdf>.

The Director will hold a prehearing conference on May 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. (MDT), at the Butte County School District Auditorium, 250 S. Water St., Arco, Idaho 83213. More information regarding the prehearing conference can be found at the above-described website for the contested case.

Signatories to the petition to designate the Big Lost River Basin a critical ground water area and the BLRGWD are considered parties. Others who want to formally participate must file petitions to intervene with the Department, together with a \$25 filing fee, by May 3, 2017, in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure 350-352 and Idaho Code § 42-221(L).

The Director requested that Department staff prepare a memorandum discussing aquifer recharge and discharge, water use, and water level trends in the Big Lost River valley. The staff memorandum may be found at the Department's website for this matter referenced above.

Gary Spackman, Director

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