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STATE OF OREGON)
County of Lake) ss

I, HARRY H. HOWARD, being first duly sworn, depose and say:
that I am now and that I have been during practically all of my lifetime, a
resident and inhabitant of Lake County, Oregon; that I was born in Lakeview,
Oregon in the year 1889 and I first started to work when I was 13 years old
in the year 1902. I began to work for Joseph Howard who had a ranch in Drews
Valley for many years. That the nature of my work was working in the hay field
and riding for cattle which ran generally between Drews Valley and the Gerber
ranch which is now covered by the water of Gerber Reservoir; that I also worked
for Louie Gerber during these early years and lived at the old Gerber house,
the site of which is now in the bottom of Gerber Reservoir.

That in riding over the country gathering cattle, I became familiar with
the area and was well acquainted with the area known as Big Squaw Flat, Little
Squaw Flat, the Tull Reservoir and Arkansas Flat and my recollection is that
there were reservoirs constructed, and in existence, in 1902 when I first began
riding this area. The dam in Big Squaw Flat consisted of an earth fill which had
probably been thrown up with Fresno and team. It extended across the lower end of
the flat and dammed up all the run-off water that gathered from the surrounding
hills into this area where the water was held in order to make some grass on the
flat and when the water receded in summer and fall, of course, grasses were produced
for cattle feed in the area.

When I first saw this reservoir, it had the appearance of having been
built some time as there was vegetation and some low sage growing on the bank.
I would guess from its appearance it could have been in existence for as much as
from 5 to 10 years at that time. Most years there was water there late in
the fall.

That I make this affidavit for the purpose of establishing the fact that
the Big Squaw Flat Reservoir was constructed prior to the year 1902; that I
observed this for a good many years thereafter as I worked and rode in the area

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both for Joe Howard, who had the Drews Valley Ranch and for Louie Gerber
who had the Gerber ranch lying to the west and insofar as I know Big Squaw Flat
Reservoir held water every year.

Harry H. Howard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 1975.

Therese R. Lane
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: June 18, 1979

STATE OF OREGON; COUNTY OF KLAMATH; ss.

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this 6th day of October A. D. 1975 at 7 o'clock P.M., and
duly recorded in Vol. 11 75 of DEEDS on Page 12260
FEE \$ 6.00 By Hazel Unruh W.D. MILNE, County Clerk

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