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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 LAURA LEIGH,

9 Plaintiff,

10 Case No. 3:10-cv-00417-LRH-VPC

11 vs.

12 KEN SALAZAR, in his official capacity as
Secretary of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR, BOB ABBEY, in his official
13 capacity as Director of the BUREAU OF
LAND MANAGEMENT; RON WENKER in his
14 official capacity as Nevada State Director of
the BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, *et*
15 *al.*,

16 Defendants.
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18 **DECLARATION OF KATIE FITE**

19 I, KATIE FITE, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
20 State of Nevada and of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and
21 correct:

22 1. I am currently employed as a Biodiversity Director for the Western
23 Watersheds Project. Western Watersheds Project (“WWP”) is a non-profit
24 conservation group founded in 1993 with 1400 members and with field offices in Idaho,
25 Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and California. WWP is headquartered at the
26 Greenfire Preserve in Clayton, Idaho. The group works to influence and improve public
27 lands management in 8 western states with a primary focus on impacts of livestock
28 grazing. The mission of Western Watersheds Project is to protect and restore western

1 watersheds and wildlife through education, public policy initiatives and litigation.

2 2. I personally, have significant experience involving the lands and issues of
3 the sagebrush ecosystem. Resultantly I have been to the areas known as the Owyhee
4 Herd Management Area, the Rock Creek Herd Management Area and the Little
5 Humboldt Herd Management Area numerous times. I am personally familiar with the
6 rangelands in the Owyhee Herd Management Area.

7 3. Attached to this Motion are photos I personally took July 25 and 26.
8 These photos accurately depict what is seen.

9 4. The photos are taken at the South Fork of the Owyhee River north of the
10 Owyhee gather trap site, which I am informed and believe is within the area the BLM
11 references in its Interim Report dated July 15, 2010.

12 5. I also traveled to the Owyhee HMA July 18. Because BLM closed signs
13 were posted at that point, I was not able to get to the depicted area until after the signs
14 were removed.

15 6. I am prepared to provide additional information to the court concerning my
16 recent observations of the Owyhee HMA, at the court's request.

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18 THIS DECLARATION under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
19 Nevada and of the United States is made this 27th day of July 2010 in Idaho.

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Katie Fite, Declarant

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