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absolute water storage right of 0.80 acre-feet. Uses of this absolute storage right include stock water, piscatorial, recreation, and wildlife propagation. Applicant further requests a conditional water storage right of 1.70 acre-feet, with a priority date of December 1, 1987. The 1.70 acre-feet conditional amount has never been applied to a beneficial use. Applicant asserts it initiated this conditional right through its formation of intent and field investigations for the past thirteen years. It requests this conditional right to provide sufficient storage water for a future enlargement of Massey Pond. Applicant plans to enlarge Massey Pond by building a dam one hundred fifty feet long by nine feet high. The current storage capacity of Massey Pond is 0.80 acre-feet. After the dam is built the Applicant asserts a water storage capacity of 2.50 acre-feet.

If the conditional amount is approved the Applicant offers two distinct potential beneficial uses of this water: irrigation and fire protection. If its application is approved for irrigation purposes, Applicant proposes to irrigate the 0.50 acres of land containing Massey Spring and Massey Pond. If its application for conditional rights is limited to non-irrigation uses, Applicant proposes to use the stored water for stock water, piscatorial, recreation, wildlife propagation, and fire protection.

2. *Opposition*

No statements of opposition have been filed.

Chip Cutler

APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHTS, IN GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO. Case No. 99CW267 (Water Division 4, Jan. 2000). Applicant: United States of America (Atty. David W. Gehlert, Esq.).

1. *Application*

The United States of America ("America") seeks a 0.2 c.f.s. absolute water right to irrigate riparian habitat and to provide wildlife with water at Mt. Emmons Iron Bog Springs ("Bog"). Specifically, the Bog's acidic, mineral laden spring water provides water for insects, animals, birds, and plants including a rare carnivorous plant species called the *drosera rotundifolia* (the broad-leaved sundew).

America initiated the water rights on December 10, 1999, by posting notice at the Bog's site. The Bog, which constitutes a fourteen-acre area where hundreds of springs and seeps surface, occurs on National Forest Lands. The Bog's springs originate from an unnamed stream, which is tributary to the Coal Creek, the Slate Creek, the East River, and the Gunnison River.

2. *Opposition*

No statements of opposition have been filed.

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