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11 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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14 KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS  
CENTER, ENVIRONMENTAL  
15 PROTECTION INFORMATION CENTER,  
and KLAMATH FOREST ALLIANCE,

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17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE,  
20 Defendant.  
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Civ. Case No. 05-299 MCE-PAN

DECLARATION OF KIMBERLY  
BAKER

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23 I, KIMBERLY BAKER, declare as follows:

24 1. I am the Forest and Wildlife Protection Coordinator at the Klamath Forest Alliance  
25 (“KFA”), and I have worked and volunteered for KFA since 1997. I am also a financial  
26 supporter and member of Klamath Forest Alliance.  
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1 2. KFA has approximately 350 members. Our members, Board of Directors, staff, and  
2 volunteers are involved in and support KFA's work to protect the Klamath Watershed and bio-  
3 region for its aesthetic, recreational, scientific, spiritual, and ecological values. Many of our  
4 members, Board, staff, and volunteers reside, work and recreate on the Wild and Scenic Salmon  
5 River within the Meteor timber sale area.  
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7 3. I regularly spend my personal time hiking, picture taking, observing wildlife, and  
8 gathering medicine in old-growth forests, including the forests of the North and South Fork  
9 Salmon River Watershed in and around the Meteor timber sale project area, and am fond of the  
10 variety of forest types in Northwest California. I have clear plans to spend considerable time in  
11 the future using and enjoying old-growth forests on public lands in the Klamath National Forest,  
12 including the area in and around the Meteor timber sale, especially the Jones Gulch area.  
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14 4. I receive great personal and spiritual satisfaction from rafting, swimming and snorkeling  
15 in the Wild and Scenic Salmon River. For many years I, and hundreds of others, have  
16 volunteered at the Annual Spring Chinook Dives of which go through the steep canyons of the  
17 designated and recommended Wild and Scenic River corridor of the Salmon River of which lies  
18 within the Meteor timber sale area and is recognized primarily for it's outstandingly remarkable  
19 anadromous fisheries resource.  
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21 5. I have visited and continue to visit these old-growth forests to appreciate natural forest  
22 ecosystems and the biodiversity that they contain.  
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24 6. I would be harmed if the Meteor timber sale were to proceed. Logging in this sale will  
25 impair my ability to view and appreciate the large trees, flora, and fauna, including many wildlife  
26 species that are dependent on mature and old growth forests, in the project area. It is far more  
27 pleasurable to walk, raft, swim, kayak or snorkel through a mature or old-growth forest and Wild  
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1 and Scenic River corridor that has not been logged, because it retains its natural characteristics,  
2 critical aquatic integrity, wildlife habitat and aesthetic beauty.

3 7. Logging prescriptions that remove or degrade habitat for the threatened northern spotted  
4 owl harm the stand's complexity and remove its ability to support many habitat specialists.

5 These treatments are not restorative to the stands, and often can completely destroy them, as I  
6 have witnessed over the past several years. The degradation and destruction of the unique  
7 characteristics in this forest will impair my enjoyment of the project area.

8 8. The Klamath National Forest should be working to protect remaining populations of  
9 species dependent on mature and old growth forests, including spotted owls and their prey  
10 species. The agency must fully comply with the law so that I, and other members of KFA, will  
11 be able to continue to enjoy spotted owls and other mature and old growth forest-dependent  
12 species in their native habitat.

13 9. On July 24, 2004 I visited the proposed logging units in the Meteor timber sale. In the  
14 course of visiting the units, I took several photos with a digital camera. I declare that the photos  
15 are true and accurate representations of what I saw on the ground on July 24, 2004.

16 10. Two of these photographs were submitted with the administrative appeal of the Meteor  
17 timber sale filed on October 15, 2004 on behalf of KFA, the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
18 (KS Wild), American Lands Alliance, Cascadia Wildlands Project, and the Environmental  
19 Protection Information Center.

20 11. The first of these two photographs contained the following caption as submitted in the  
21 appeal of October 15, 2004: "Unit 88. Giant sugar pine marked for logging. Most National  
22 Forests covered by the Northwest Forest Plan are actively attempting to retain old-growth sugar  
23 pines as an ecological and recreational legacy. As an example see the Large Sugar Pines DN in  
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# EXHIBIT 1



# EXHIBIT 2

