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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

ANNE HAUSRATH, JOHN WHEATON,
JOANIE FAUCI, MEG FEREDAY, ROGER
ROSENTERETER, KATHRYN
RAILSBACK, DALE REYNOLDS, and
GREAT OLD BROADS FOR
WILDERNESS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
THE AIR FORCE,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:19-CV-00103-CWD

**DECLARATION OF ANNE STITES
HAUSRATH**

I, Anne Stites Hausrath, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 21 and competent to testify in this matter. The following facts are personally known to me, and if called as a witness I would and could truthfully testify to these facts.

2. I am a Plaintiff in this lawsuit.

3. I am 70 years old, have a Masters of Public Health, and have worked in the fields of health and education. I served on the Boise City Council from 1992 to 2000. My husband and I raised three children in Idaho; we now have six grandchildren. I am currently a member of the board of directors of our neighborhood association and am active in my church.

4. My husband and I moved to Idaho in 1976. We have lived in our current home in Boise's North End since March of 1977.

5. I am a life-long bicycle commuter and enjoy hiking in the Boise foothills, walking our dog and hosting neighborhood block parties. I also enjoy meeting with friends in Boise's numerous sidewalk cafes and parks.

6. I am a founding mother of the Wetlands Coalition, the successful effort to preserve 300 acres in Halls Gulch, a natural area only one mile from the state capitol building. A major motivation for me was preservation for future generations of this quiet natural area which hosts a wide variety of birds and other wildlife. Boise City has developed the Foothills Learning Center in Halls Gulch, allowing children from all over the Treasure Valley to explore nature in a habitat minimally impacted by urban noise. In 2015, my husband and I donated to Boise City a small parcel on the hillside behind our house as the North End Native Plant Preserve. We are continuing to restore this parcel to native plants to provide habitat for wildlife and to provide a quiet sanctuary for people of all ages right in the heart of the city.

7. I found out about the Air Force Urban CAS project through an e-mail forwarded by a neighbor. I submitted public comments and attended a public meeting at the Boise Public Library.

8. I am very concerned about this project and the process by which it was approved. There appeared to be very little public notice or opportunities for public involvement. In fact, the

initial public meeting was canceled the very morning it was scheduled for. When a first public meeting was held, it occurred during weekday working hours in a small room on the third floor of the main Boise Public Library, and even so attendance was great enough that some attendees had to stand. The representatives from the Air Force seemed unprepared to answer questions and did not have anyone present to address questions/concerns about the ground component of the proposed CAS project. We were given no data regarding noise levels or potential impacts on humans or animals. There were also inconsistencies/contradictions in the Air Force documents which were not adequately addressed either in the public meetings nor in the final document.

9. I believe strongly in governmental transparency and public involvement. This project does not embody those principles. Most people in Boise are not even aware that this project was proposed and then approved.

10. It is impossible to accurately predict the impact of this project on Boise and its residents and surrounding wildlife because the Air Force has not provided enough data or an opportunity for public discussion. However, the potential impacts deeply concern me. Boise residents, myself included, cherish the generally peaceful outdoor surroundings of our city and accessibility of quiet, natural areas. I have long fought to preserve the Boise foothills as a sanctuary in which residents can explore nature without the din of urban life. Noisy military overflights from the Urban CAS project will detract from the natural and recreational values of these spaces.

11. Military overflights in Boise have already impacted me personally. There was a VERY LOUD fly over by two military jets at 1:30pm on Fri. Jan 3, 2020. I was inside my house with windows and doors closed. I rushed outside because the noise was startling and very unsettling. I made several phone calls to determine what type of aircraft made that horrific noise

and was told that they were F-15s. I later learned that they were probably associated with the Boise State football game. Clearly the frequent use of F-15s would cause much more disruption to my and other Boiseans daily (and nightly) life.

12. A court decision forcing the Air Force to complete a more rigorous Environmental Impact Statement will allow Boise residents the opportunity to examine and question potential impacts of this project. I personally am very concerned about the expansion of Air Force activity into civilian life. A project of this scope should have a defined time frame, ample opportunities for civilian scrutiny, and a more rigorous evaluation of the potential impacts to Idaho residents.

13. I have family members currently involved in the military: one niece served three tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq. Another niece is married to a Navy Seal. My brothers served in the military during the Viet Nam era; my father and uncles served during WWII. I strongly support appropriate training for our military. However, I do not believe that the Air Force has adequately studied the effects of this project or demonstrated that it is needed in Boise at this time.

14. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 10th day of January, 2020 in Boise, Idaho.

/s/ Anne Stites Hausrath
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