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13 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
15 **PRESCOTT DIVISION**

16 Center for Biological Diversity, et al.,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 United States Forest Service,

20 Defendant, and

21 National Rifle Association of America;
22 Safari Club International; and National
Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.,

23 Defendants-Intervenors.
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CASE NO. 3:12-cv-08176-PCT-SMM

**DECLARATION OF W. LEE SMITH IN
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT-
INTERVENOR NATIONAL RIFLE
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA'S
APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION
OF ATTORNEY**

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I, W. Lee Smith, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with Michel & Associates, P.C. (“MAPC”), counsel of record for Defendant-Intervenor National Rifle Association of America (“NRA”) in this matter. I am the primary handling attorney on this case for the client.

2. I am requesting that I and my firm be granted leave to withdraw as counsel for the NRA.

3. On May 26, 2020, I corresponded with Michael T. Jean, in-house counsel for NRA, and informed him that MAPC would be filing an application to withdraw from this matter. I also provided Mr. Jean with a copy of the application and asked him to sign it on behalf of NRA pursuant to United States District Court of Arizona Local Rules 83.3(b)(1).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: March 26, 2020



W. Lee Smith
Declarant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Name: *Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. United States Forest Service*
Case No.: 3:12-cv-08176-PCT-SMM

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of:

DEFENDANT-INTERVENOR NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA'S APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY

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Executed May 27, 2020.



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