No. 137, ORIGINAL

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff

V.

STATE OF WYOMING

AND

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, Defendants

BEFORE THE HONORABLE BARTON H. THOMPSON, JR. SPECIAL MASTER

MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE AFFIDAVITS IDENTIFIED AS EXHIBITS BY MONTANA

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The State of Wyoming hereby moves in limine for an order excluding Montana exhibits 125 through 130, 228, 242, 276, 277, and 370. These exhibits are all affidavits that were previously submitted during the course of this case by various individuals. As a general rule affidavits are not admissible at trial. *See, e.g., Cox v. National Football League*, 29 F. Supp. 2d 463, 467 (N.D. Ill. 1998); 3 Am. Jur. 2d *Affidavits* § 19 (2004). This is true because they are by definition hearsay under Fed. R. Evid. 801 unless they fall within a recognized exception under Fed. R. Evid. 803 or 804. Accordingly, all the affidavits on Montana's exhibit list should be excluded under Fed. R. Evid. 802, which provides that hearsay is not admissible.

WHEREFORE the State of Wyoming requests that the Court enter an order excluding Montana exhibits 125 through 130, 228, 242, 276, 277, and 370.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail and by placing the same in the United States mail, postage paid, this 30th day of September, 2013.

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