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In Reply Refer To:
NV-062 (7520)

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

The Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office petitions your office as allowed under NRS 533.090 requesting the determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the subject waters as listed below:

Claims of reserved rights under R-06932 through R-06936, inclusive, filed by the Bureau of Land Management in December of 1994. The filing of the reserved right claims are pursuant to Public Water Reserve 107, Executive Order of April 17, 1926.

Claims of vested rights under V-03036 and V-03037 for irrigation purposes. The current owner of record is Randy L. and Karen E. Rowley.

Certificated rights under Certificate 8653, Permit 26195, and Certificate 8689, Permit 26196, currently owned by Randy L. and Karen E. Rowley.

The issue of water rights for this area has helped to spark a controversy between Mr. Richard McKay, the livestock permittee on the Hick's Station Allotment and the Rowley's who own a 40 acre parcel of private land within the allotment. I request that you expedite this petition to resolve this issue which will help in resolving the conflicts between the parties. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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