

**AMENDED  
STATE OF NEVADA**

**PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER FOR STOCK WATERING  
OR WILDLIFE PURPOSES**

(1) Name of Claimant Petan Company of Nevada, Inc.  
of Tuscarora  
Street and No. or P.O. Box No. City or town  
Nevada 89834  
State and Zip code No.

(2) Source of water Unnamed Creek #55A and tributaries  
Name of natural water source.

(3) The water is diverted by Natural Channels  
Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  (Lot 8) Section 9, T. 47 N., R. 50 E.,  
Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision of public survey, and by course and distance to a section corner. If on unsurveyed land it should be stated.  
MDM, at a point from which the SW corner of Section 30, T. 16 S., R. 1 E., B.M. bears  
Diversion over a channel reach must be described by course and distance to a section corner for both the beginning and end of such reach.  
N. 39°28' W., 6,342 feet, and also the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, T. 47 N., R. 50 E., MDM, at a point from which the SW corner of Section 30, T. 16 S., R. 1 W., B.M., bears N. 30°44' W., 3,644 feet; and also Lot 2, Section 5, T. 47 N., R. 50 E., MDM, at a point from which the SW corner of Section 30, T. 16 S., R. 1 E., B.M., bears N. 87°06' W., 1,225 feet, which all of the above listed points follows the natural channels to a point in Lot 2, Section 6, T. 47 N., R. 50 E., MDM from which the SE corner of Section 25, T. 16 S., R. 1 W., B.M. bears N. 88°50' E., 4,271 feet.

(5) The water is impounded in Natural channel (no impoundment) except one small reservoir  
Troughs, tanks, pools, reservoir, natural channel, etc.

(6) The construction of the ditch or other works was begun construction date of reservoir unknown  
and completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date

(7) The nature of the claimant's title to the land upon which the source of water and place of use are located is Public domain with grazing permit. The Place of Use is within Lot 2, Section  
5; Lot 2, Section 6; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  (Lot 8) Section 9; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, all the above within T. 47 N., R. 50 E., MDM.  
Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc.

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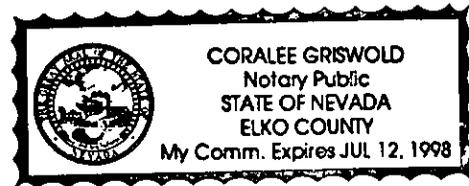
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