

STATE OF NEVADA

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

(1) Name of Claimant Simplot Livestock Company
HC 85, Box 275 of Grandview
Street and No. or P.O. Box No. City or town
Idaho 83624
State and Zip code No.

Source of water Ross Gulch and Branch of Ross Gulch, Unnamed Spring #11 and tributaries
Name of natural water source.

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

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) (Map 2) NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 54 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, (unsurveyed) at a point from which the USLM within the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ of Section 22,
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.

T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), bears S. 42°11' E., 7,986 feet and also the NW¹/₄SE¹/₄

Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM, (unsurveyed) at a point from which the USLM within the

NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), bears S. 60°34' E., 6,709 feet, which

follows the natural channels to a point in the NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ Section ~~21~~²², T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM

(unsurveyed), from which the USLM within the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM

(unsurveyed), bears S. 87°16' E., 4,193 feet and starts again in the NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ Section 15,

T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), at a point from which the USLM within the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄

Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), bears S. 35°01' E., 4,291 feet and follows the

natural channel to a point in the SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed),

at a point from which the USLM within the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM

(unsurveyed), bears N. 72°10' E., 1,997 feet.

Unnamed Spring #11 (Map 2) - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), at a point from which the USLM within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed), bears S. 49°24' E., 3,471 feet.

(5) The water is impounded in natural channel and spring area
Troughs, tanks, pools, reservoir, natural channel, etc.

(6) The construction of the ditch or other works was begun None and completed _____
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.
Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc.

(Map 2) SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15; E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, and a portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and portions of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22; all within T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed).
Unnamed Spring #11 (Map 2) - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T. 46 N., R. 54 E., MDM (unsurveyed).

(8) The claimant's water right was not recorded in the office of the County Recorder of _____ County, at Page _____ of Book _____ of _____
NOTE-Failure to record in the county in no way invalidates a water right, but if water right was so recorded, supply full information under (8).

(9) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant during the first year prior to 1905, was 450 cattle _____ horses _____ sheep or wildlife (describe) _____
Date
Other
The watering was conducted during each of the following months _____
June 25th thru October 9th

A chain of title of the lands now vested in M.L. Investment Company reveals that the predecessor in interest to this operation was W.T. Jenkins Company.

A protest (copy enclosed) against an application of Afterthought Mines Corporation for allowance of Water Application Nos. 10318 and 10319 by U.S. Department of Agriculture, executed by C.J. Olsen, Acting Regional Forester, dated March 29, 1939, states that prior to and since the reservation of the Forest lands in 1905, W.T. Jenkins Company had grazed 32,400 sheep in the area of T. 45 N., R. 54 and 55 E., for the period of July 1 to October 1. The Paid Permit Card Record, of the U.S. Forest Service, states the same number, but differs as to the season of use,

being June 10 to October 15. By 1918, the numbers had decreased to 24,040 sheep. The record for 1918 states that the area of use is Jack Creek, Owyhee River and vicinity, Allegheny Creek, Mill Creek, and Bank Creek.

The area of operation of M.L. Investment Company would represent only a portion of the W.T. Jenkins Company.

A further search for numbers of livestock was also done in order to corroborate Forest Service information or show use prior to 1905.

The following Chattel Mortgages executed by W.T. Jenkins or W.T. Jenkins Company were found of record in Elko County, Nevada:

1. To First National Bank of Winnemucca on April 22, 1897, listing as security 10,000 sheep, being recorded in Book 3 of Chattel Mortgages at Page 454.
2. To First National Bank of Winnemucca on June 27, 1895, listing as security 18,631 sheep which grazed in Elko, Humboldt and Lander Counties, being recorded in Book 3 of Chattel Mortgages at Page 117. It is assumed that Northern Elko County would have been used by the entire number during summer months.
3. To Jacob Rosenberg on December 3, 1894 for 4,002 weathers and 20,000 fleeces, with the sheep being in Lander and Elko Counties, recorded in Book 3 of Chattel Mortgages at Page 40. It is assumed that the fleeces represent 20,000 head owned.
4. To Frank F. Martin, dated December 6, 1901, listing as security 10,000 sheep in Elko, Humboldt and Lander Counties, recorded in Book 4 of Chattel Mortgages at Page 360.

The variations in numbers illustrate the fluctuations that occurred in this operation, primarily due to economic and weather conditions. History of Nevada by Thomas Wren, published in 1904, Page 564, states that W.T. Jenkins Company owned 22,000 sheep in Elko, Lander and Humboldt Counties.

As the M.L. Investment Company operation is only a part of the pre-1905 W.T. Jenkins operation, it is difficult to establish a priority number. It is suggested that this be done by reviewing the present licensed numbers and increasing those on the proportion that 10,000 sheep (the claimed operation prior to sale) is to 34,000 sheep as set out in the water protest. Priority is basically unrecorded. W.T. Jenkins, by documents of record, is a predecessor of J.A. Blossom in the Battle Mountain area, for which evidence of extensive grazing use is found prior to 1876. The publication entitled Nevada's Northeast Frontier by Patterson, Ulph & Goodwin, Page 339, states that W.T. Jenkins entered the sheep raising business in 1877. From the above, the priority is based upon the dates of the early Chattel Mortgages at 1894.

Within the U.S. Forest, the applicant is claiming a right prior to January 1, 1905, based on the premise that any present permittee upon the U.S. Forest must be successor in interest to persons making use upon forest lands at the time of withdrawal of said lands, which was in 1905; claimant is that successor in interest.

(10) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant in subsequent years was as follows: 450 cattle (cow/calf) 900
If water was not used, or used in reduced quantity at any time, full information as to causes and duration of non-use should be given.

(See Remarks)

(11) The amount of water which has been necessary to be diverted for this purpose has been 0.0278 cubic feet per second.
448.83 gallons per minute equals 1 cubic foot per second.

(12) The works are located at None
Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision, section, township and range of public survey. If on unsurveyed land, it should be stated.

Remarks Use Map 2

The 900 cows and calves listed in this proof are the same as listed within proofs in support of Alleghany Creek, Negro George Draw, South Fork of California Creek, North Fork of California Creek, Baker Creek, Pixley Creek, Dip Creek, and Big Spring Creek.

The range user is Simplot Livestock Company. The fee land within the range area is in the name of M.L. Investment Company, a wholly owned subsidiary company of Simplot Livestock company.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts relative to the appropriation of water by Simplot Livestock Company

are full and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

The undersigned deponent is acting as Agent for the claimant

If proof is not made by claimant, deponent should state on this line by virtue of what authority he represents the claimant.

Simplot Livestock Company
Claimant

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 19 94.

Coralee Griswold

Notary Public in and for the County of Elko

My commission expires July 12, 1994

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