

STATE OF NEVADA

PROOF OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER FOR STOCK WATERING OR WILDLIFE PURPOSES

(1) Name of claimant DeLong Ranches, Inc. 335 Bottle Creek Road of Winnemucca Nevada, 89445

(2) Source of water underground well (Source Name: Willows Well)

(3) The water is diverted by well and pump

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) T40N R30E, Section 24: SW1/4 SE1/4

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.

(5) The water is impounded in trough and overflow pond

(6) The construction of the ditch or other works was begun (well) February 1904 and completed March 1904

(7) The nature of the claimant's title to the land upon which the source of water and place of use are located is deeded

(8) The claimant's water right was (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).

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(9) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant during the first year 1904
Date
was 500 cattle 30 horses 15 sheep or wildlife (describe) deer, plus various birds
Other

The watering was conducted during each of the following months _____

Cattle were watered at this well year-round (12 months.)

(10) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant in subsequent years was as follows:

500 head of cattle have been watered at this trough for each subsequent year following its construction, up to the present.

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.

(11) The amount of water which has been necessary to be diverted for this purpose has been

20 gallons per min. = 0.0446 cubic feet per second.
448.83 gallons per minute equals 1 cubic feet per second.

(12) The works are located at T40N, R30E, Section 24: SW1/4 SE1/4

Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision, section, township and range of public survey. If on unsurveyed

land, it should be stated.

Remarks:

This well, known as Willows Well, is located at Jackson Creek Ranch -- a historic, family-owned ranch near the Black Rock Desert. Jackson Creek Ranch has been in existence and continual-use prior to the year 1875 when the first surveys of the area were completed. Survey plat maps digitalized on the internet and archived in the University of Nevada - Reno collection and BLM collection depict a house and corrals established on Jackson Creek in the year 1875 on the Mount Diablo Meridian T40N, R30E, Section 24. In the book, *A History of the State of Nevada*, by Thomas Wren published in 1904, James Ruddell and wife are residing at Jackson Creek Ranch with a granddaughter. (The Ruddells were in-laws of the Lay family.) In a series of articles about Humboldt County written by Allen C. Brag in the year 1905 and compiled into a book entitled *Humboldt County, 1905*, the Lay Brothers are residing on the edge of the Black Rock Desert at Jackson Creek Ranch. The Lays were known as ambitious, industrious, and innovative people. Jackson Creek Ranch has been in the DeLong Family since 1939. Jackson Creek Ranch and Willows Well are both extremely historic and long-established.

The well has been known as Willows Well since its construction in 1904 by the Lay Brothers who dug it as a stock well to water cattle. The well was so named because of the willow patch that surrounded it. It was originally a hand-dug well. In 1939, when Bill DeLong purchased Jackson Creek

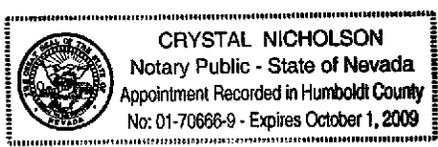
Ranch, the wooden troughs used to divert the water were still present, as well as a centripetal pump used to pump the water from the well. At the age of 4, in the year 1946, John DeLong remembers watching his father, Bill DeLong, and other ranch hands, place a steel pipe into the well to use as a casing. They then, filled in around the pipe with gravel and dirt. The willow patch surrounding the well was still there at that time. Today, although the willows no longer exist, the name of the well remains the same. Willows Well continues to be used in the same way that it was over 100 years ago when it was first dug.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts relative to the appropriation of water by John DeLong for DeLong Ranch, s, r, c, are full and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of March, 2009

Notary Public in and for the County of Humboldt
My commission expires October 1, 2009

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