

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  
Street and No. or P.O. Box No. City or town  
Nevada, 89445  
State and Zip Code No.

(2) Source of water Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon  
Name of natural water source.

(3) The water is diverted by an earthen ditch approximately 1 foot wide x 1 foot deep x 1/2 mile long ending in an earthen reservoir approximately 4 feet deep with a diameter of approximately 50 feet. An overflow pipe with a diameter of approximately 12 inches is located at the West side of the reservoir.  
Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) Beginning at a point within T39N, R31E, Section 6: SE1/4 SW1/4 and flowing into a ditch following a northwestern direction through T39N, R31E, Section 6: SW1/4 SW1/4; and T39N, R30E, Section 1: SE1/4 SE1/4; NE1/4 SE1/4 and ending at T39N, R30E, Section 1: SW1/4 NE1/4 into a reservoir.  
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.

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 a reservoir located at T39N, R30E, Section 1: SW1/4 NE1/4  
Troughs, tanks, pools, reservoir, natural channel, etc.

(6) The construction of the ditch or other works was begun prior to 1905 with cattle first using Bliss Spring in 1889. The works were completed prior to 1905. However, the priority date of use is 1889 beginning with the first use of Bliss Spring (See Exhibit "A.")

(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 held by DeLong Ranches, Inc.

Places of use include: Bliss Spring located within T39N, R31E, Section 6: SE1/4 SW1/4; Bliss Diversion Ditch starting within T39N, R31E, Section 6: SE1/4 SW1/4 following a northwestern direction through T39N, R31E, Section 6: SW1/4 SW1/4; and T39N, R30E, Section 1: SE1/4 SE1/4; NE1/4 SE 1/4 and ending at Bliss Reservoir located within T39N, R30E, Section 1: SW1/4 NE1/4. Cattle use the water at all points along the spring, ditch, and reservoir. (See Exhibit "E" for reference map.)

(8) The claimant's water right was Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc. (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).

28-112

(9) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant during the first year 1889  
Date  
 was 400 cattle 30 horses 300 sheep or wildlife (describe) deer, antelope, birds  
Other

The watering was conducted during each of the following months Cattle were watered year-  
round (12 months.) Horses were watered at gathering, branding, and shipping times during the  
spring and fall (4 months). Sheep were watered when trailed to be shipped on the railroad at  
Sulfur, Nevada, a small town located 34 miles south of Jackson Creek Ranch (2 months). The  
diversion ditch and reservoir were added at a later date prior to 1905 to allow the water of Bliss  
Spring to be more accessible to livestock.

(10) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant in subsequent years was as  
 follows: 400 cattle have been watered at Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon in every subsequent year  
following 1889. 300 sheep were watered at Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon until the 1920's  
when the Lay brothers cut down their bands. (See Exhibit "A" for documentation of use.)

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

0.025 cubic feet per second.  
448.83 gallons per minute equals 1 cubic feet per second.

(12) The works are located at T39N, R31E, Section 6: SE1/4 SW1/4 following a northwestern  
direction through T39N, R31E, Section 6: SW1/4 SW1/4; and T39N, R30E, Section 1: SE1/4  
SE1/4; NE1/4 SE 1/4 and ending within T39N, R30E, Section 1: SW1/4 NE1/4 .

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

Remarks Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon were named for George D. Bliss who owned property and ran  
cattle in the area in the late 1800's including the year 1889. (See Exhibit "A.") Bliss Spring and Bliss  
Canyon are located in the historic grazing area surrounding Jackson Creek Ranch owned by DeLong  
Ranches, Inc. Various predecessors to the claimant, including George D. Bliss, have been grazing cattle  
in this area since 1889, based on recorded documentation and evidence presented in Exhibit "A" Proof  
of Vested Right; Exhibit "B" List of Nevada State Patents; Exhibit "C" List of United States Patents;  
and Exhibit "D" Chain of Title (See attachments.) Exhibit "E" is a reference map for the points of  
diversion and places of use.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts relative to the appropriation of water by DeLong Ranches, Inc. 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.

DeLong Ranches Inc.  
Claimant

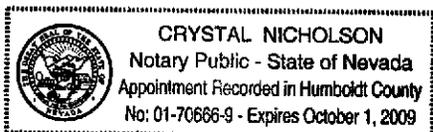
Telephone No. (775) 941-0196

By [Signature] V.P.

384 Denio Hwy 1410  
Street and No., or P.O. Box No.

Linnemanncca NV. 89445  
City, State, Zip Code No.

Telephone No. (775) 941-0196



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009

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

**\$50 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROOF**