

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 South Bliss Spring
Name of natural water source.

(3) The water is diverted by a 2 foot-wide galvanized steel culvert that is used as a headbox for the spring. The water then flows into a pipeline 50 foot long and into a trough 3 foot wide x 12 foot long. A reservoir/pond with a diameter of approximately 5 foot and a depth of approximately 2 foot is used for overflow water from the trough.
Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) T39N, R30E, Section 12: NE1/4 NE1/4
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 3 foot wide x 12 foot long trough and a 5 foot diameter x 2 foot deep reservoir located within T39N, R30E, Section 12: NE1/4 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 South 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 South Bliss Spring (See Exhibit "A" - Already on File with the Division of Water Resources, filed under Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon # V09804)

(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: South Bliss Spring, trough, and reservoir all located within T39N, R30E, Section 12: NE1/4 NE1/4.

(8) The claimant's water right was (was not) recorded in the office of the County Recorder of
Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc.
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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 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  
headbox, pipeline, trough, and reservoir were added at a later date to allow the water of South 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 South Bliss Spring in every subsequent year following  
1889. 300 sheep were watered at South Bliss Spring until the 1920's when the Lay brothers cut  
down their bands. (See Exhibit "A" for documentation of use - Already on File with Division of  
Water Resources filed under Proof #V09804)

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, R30E, Section 12: NE1/4 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 South Bliss Spring was 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" - Already on File). South Bliss Spring  
is 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 (Exhibits "A" through "D" -- Already on File with Division of Water Resources  
under # V09804). Exhibit "E" is a Google Earth reference map to show the location of the points of  
diversion and places of use for South Bliss Spring.

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.

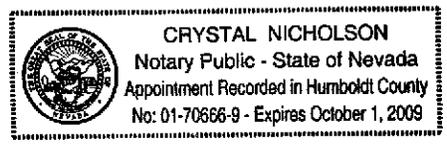
If proof is not made by claimant, deponent should state on this line by virtue of what authority he represents the claimant.

DeLong Ranches Inc.  
Claimant

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of July, 2009

Crystal Nicholson

Notary Public in and for the County of Humboldt / State of Nevada

My commission expires 10/1/09

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