Serial No. 09806

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 Christenson Spring (also known as Christiernsson and Christiorsson Spring)
Name of natural water source.

(3) The water is diverted by a tunnel and reservoir. The spring was tunneled into from the North side for approximately 20 feet in order to create an outlet to disperse the water from the spring. The mouth of this 5 foot diameter tunnel is dammed-up to create a 5 foot wide x 2 foot deep reservoir to allow livestock to water.
Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) T40N, R31E, Section 29: Lot 2
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 5 foot wide x 2 foot deep reservoir located within T40N, R31E, Section 29: Lot 2.
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 Christenson Spring in 1889. The works were completed prior to 1905. However, the priority date of use is 1889 beginning with the first use of Christenson 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: Christenson Spring and reservoir all located within T40N, R31E, Section 29: Lot 2.
Patented, deeded, public domain with grazing permit, etc.

(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 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 tunnel and reservoir were added at a later date to allow the water of Christenson 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 Christenson Spring in every subsequent year following 1889. 300 sheep were watered at Christenson 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 under Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon # 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

Christenson Spring (also known as Christiernsson or Christiorsson Spring) was named after William E. Christiernsson who lived at the mouth of the canyon and planted apple trees. The variation of the name of the spring is on account of variations of spellings and pronunciations for William E. Christiernsson through the years. William E. Christiernsson was involved in mining and also homesteaded areas near the spring, although his homesteads were later cancelled. William E. Christiernsson used the spring as early as 1908. However, the first use of Christenson Spring was much earlier by James Sloan and George D. Bliss in 1889. (See Exhibit "A" – Already on File).

Christenson Spring is located in the historic grazing area surrounding Jackson Creek Ranch owned by DeLong Ranches, Inc. Various predecessors to the claimant, including James Sloan and 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 Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon # V09804). Exhibit "E" is

a Google Earth reference map to show the location of the points of diversion and places of use for Christenson 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.

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CRYSTAL NICHOLSON
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded in Humboldt County
No: 01-70666-9 - Expires October 1, 2009

Crystal Nicholson

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

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

My commission expires 10/1/09

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