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Serial No. ....

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 Navajo Spring (also known as Indian Spring)

(3) The water is diverted by a 2 foot long, 55-gallon drum steel barrel that is used as a headbox for the spring. From the headbox, water then flows into a 60 foot long pipeline and is finally diverted into a 2 foot wide x 8 foot long x 15 inches deep "missile tank" steel trough.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) T38N, R30E, Section 23: NE1/4 NW1/4

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 a 2 foot wide x 8 foot long x 15 inches deep "missile tank" steel trough located within T38N, R30E, Section 23: NE1/4 NW1/4.

(6) The construction of the ditch or other works was begun prior to 1905 with cattle first using Navajo Spring in 1889. The works were completed prior to 1905. However, the priority date of use is 1889 beginning with the first use of Navajo Spring. Additional maintenance and repair work was done on the spring at later dates. (See Exhibit "A" - Already on File with the Division of Water Resources, filed under Bliss Spring and Bliss Canyon # V09804 for Priority Date of Use)

(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: Navajo Spring and trough located within T38N, R30E, Section 23: NE1/4 NW1/4.

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  
headbox, pipeline, and trough were added at a later date to allow the water of Navajo 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 Navajo Spring in every subsequent year following 1889.  
300 sheep were watered at Navajo 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 T38N, R30E, Section 23: NE1/4 NW1/4  
Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision, section, township and range of public survey. If on unsurveyed land, it should be stated.

Remarks

Navajo Spring (also known as Indian Spring) was so named because it lies below Navajo Peak in  
the Jackson Mountain Range. The first use of Navajo Spring was by James Sloan and George D. Bliss  
in 1889. (See Exhibit "A" - Already on File).

Navajo 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  
Navajo Spring.

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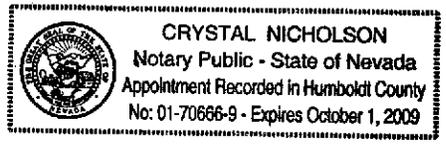
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts relative to the appropriation of water by DeLong Ranches, Inc. are full and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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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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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