

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 Seven Springs Creek
Name of natural water source.

(3) The water is diverted by a natural channel or creek bed approximately 1 foot wide x 1 foot deep known as Seven Springs Creek into another natural channel or creek bed known as Trout Creek.
Dam, ditch, pipe line, natural channel, spring area, etc.

(4) The water is diverted at the following point(s) T39N, R31E, Section 36: SE1/4 NW1/4
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.

(5) The water is impounded in a natural channel or creek bed approximately 1 foot wide x 1 foot deep.
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 Seven Springs Creek in 1889. The works were completed prior to 1905. However, the priority date of use is 1889 beginning with the first use of Seven Springs Creek (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 within public domain with grazing permit held by DeLong Ranches, Inc. and privately-deeded land owned by the claimant.

Places of use include: The waters of Seven Springs Creek originate from spring areas located northeast of the mouth of the canyon beginning in T39N, R32E, Section 30: NW1/4 NE1/4. Two branches of natural creek channels converge within this location and then continue in a southwest direction through T39N, R32E, Section 30: NE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4, Lot 2, Lot 3; T39N, R31E, Section 25: NE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4; T39N, R31E, Section 36: NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, finally flowing into the natural channel of Trout Creek within T39N, R31E, Section 36: SE1/4 NW1/4. Cattle use the water along all points of the spring areas and creek.
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 at various times throughout the year when the
bands were moved (2 months.)

(10) The approximate number of animals watered by the claimant in subsequent years was as
 follows: 400 cattle have been watered at Seven Springs Creek in every subsequent year following
1889. 300 sheep were watered at Seven Springs Creek 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, R32E, Section 30: NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4
NW1/4, Lot 2, Lot 3; T39N, R31E, Section 25: NE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4; T39N,
R31E, Section 36: NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4 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

Seven Springs Creek was so named due to seven different spring areas that feed the creek. Seven
Springs Creek is located in the historic grazing area surrounding Trout Creek Ranch owned by DeLong
Ranches, Inc. General Land Office (GLO) survey maps dated 1874 indicate that cattle were using the
range and water surrounding Trout Creek by this date with the depiction and labeling of the road and
corral in Section 25 of T39N, R31E. 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 Seven Springs Creek.

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

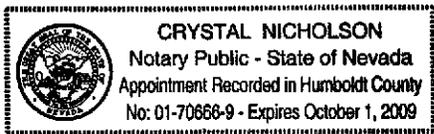
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of September, 2009

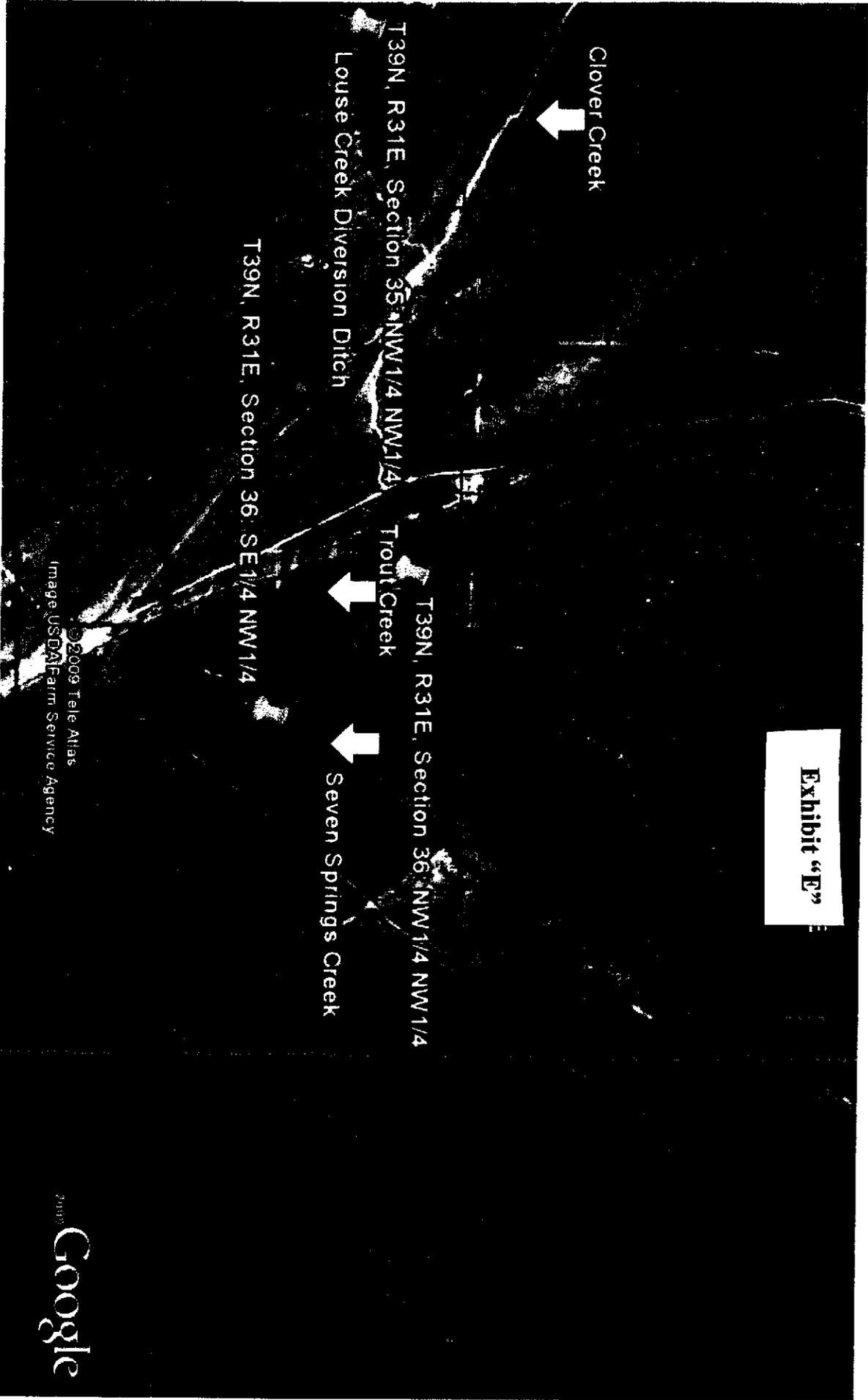
State of Nevada Crystal Nicholson

Notary Public in and for the County of Humboldt

My commission expires 10/1/09

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Exhibit "E"



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