IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 53702,
FILED BY AGRI-BEEF CO.,
ON July 20, 1989, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF COLUMBIA CREEK

PROTEST

Comes now DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is 1100 Valley Road Reno, NV 89512
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
whose occupation is Wildlife Management, and protests the granting
of Application Number 53702, filed on July 20, 1989
by AGRI-BEEF CO. to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant
waters of COLUMBIA CREEK situated in ELKO
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

A major water, Wilson Sink Reservoir, is located on the Bull Run Creek drainage downstream of the application reservoir. Wilson Sink Reservoir supports a viable public fisheries managed by the Department and supported by annual trout stocking of hatchery reared fish. Additionally, Wilson Sink Reservoir supports a wild largemouth bass fishery. Water for reservoir storage is supplied via Wilson Creek which is diverted from Bull Run Creek by Petan Ranches during the spring runoff period. Wilson Sink Reservoir water levels are solely rejuvenated and dependent on the spring runoff flows as Wilson Creek does not flow to the reservoir throughout the summer and fall months and has a marginal flow in the winter.

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THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed William A. Molini
Agent or protestant
William A. Molini, Director
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address 1100 Valley Road
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
Reno, NV 89512
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November 1989.

Mildred E. Peterson
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Washoe

MILDRED E. PETERSON
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded In Washoe County
MY APPOINTMENT EXPIRES OCT. 17, 1992

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on July 20, 1989
To Appropriate the Waters of Columbia Creek

Without surplus spring runoff the Petan Ranches would not have the water to supply the annual recharge to Wilson Sink Reservoir which would result in the loss of the fisheries.