

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 55370
FILED BY REED B. ROBISON
ON OCTOBER 11, 1990, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF McCOY CREEK

PROTEST

Comes now Owen R. Williams, on behalf of the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, whose post office address is 301 S. Howes Street, Room 353, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80521, whose occupation is Chief, Water Rights Branch, Water Resources Division, National Park Service, and protests the granting of Application Number 55370 filed on October 11, 1990, by Reed B. Robison to appropriate the waters of McCoy Creek, situated in White Pine County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

See Exhibit A and "Specimen" protest attached.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be denied.

Signed Owen R. Williams
Agent or protestant

Owen R. Williams
Printed or typed name, if agent

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Jan, 1991.

Leticia St. Mowers
Notary Public

State of Colorado

County of Larimer

My Commission expires My Commission Expires October 9, 1994

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EXHIBIT A

Protest by Owen R. Williams, on behalf of
the United States Department of the Interior,
National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) protests the granting of application 55370 by Reed B. Robison on the grounds that the appropriation proposed by this application, if granted, in combination with proposed appropriations by the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) (applications 53947 through 54036, 54038 through 54066, 54068 through 54076, 54105 and 54106), if granted, would divert water from the ground-water flow systems hydraulically connected to springs and other water resources in Great Basin National Park (including the Lehman Caves) and the administrative site in Baker, Nevada.

Grounds for the NPS protest of application 55370 are outlined in protests to LVVWD's applications (see attached "specimen" sample protest for the LVVWD for the grounds of protest). If the applications by the LVVWD are denied, withdrawn or extensively reduced, the NPS would be willing to re-evaluate its protest to this application.