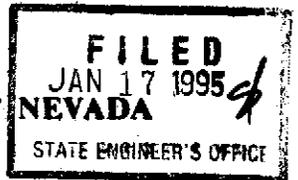


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 59947
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
FILED BY of Portland State of Oregon
ON April 12 1994, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Spring No. 240

PROTEST of Board of County Commissioners,
County of Elko,
State of Nevada

Comes now GEORGE R.E. BOUCHER, FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 569 COURT STREET, ELKO, NEVADA 89801
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is COUNTY MANAGER, and protests the granting

of Application Number 59947, filed on April 12, 1994

by U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE OF PORTLAND STATE OF OREGON
Printed or typed name of applicant to appropriate the

waters of Spring No. 240 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:

The Board of County Commissioners protest the abovenoted application relating to the Ruby Lake

National Wildlife Refuge on the grounds the Shanty Town development is not being considered,

grazing rights have not been considered, and Elko County water usage has not been determined

to the beneficial use for all of the Elko County citizens.

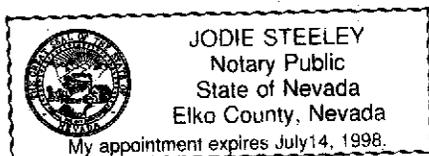
THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be DENIED
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed George R. E. Boucher
Agent for protestant
GEORGE R.E. BOUCHER

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January 1995.



Jodie Steeley
Notary Public
State of NEVADA
County of ELKO

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