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

In the Matter of Application Number 62431
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 1996, **To Appropriate The Waters Of** Cottonwood Springs & Associated Seeps

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes Now Lincoln County Commissioners on behalf of their Electorate
Printed or typed name of Protestant

Whose post office address is Post Office Box 90, Pioche, Nevada 89043
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whose occupation is County Government/Administration, and protests the granting of Application Number 62431, filed on September 4, 1996 by United STates Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the waters of Cottonwood Spring & Associated Seeps situated in Pahranagat Valley, Lincoln County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

USFWS has proposed a Recovery Plan that will infringe upon private water and property rights. Their proposal has been unanimously opposed by the owners of said property & water rights. This is seen as another way to avoid settling their disagreement with the citizens of Pahranagat Valley. This additional water is not necessary to their operation. The various recovery plans proposed will adversely affect the economy custom and culture of Pahranagat Valley Residents and the residents of Lincoln County. This protests both the need for new water and the Recovery Plan proposed uses of Pahranagat Valley waters and lands.

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 as relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Edward Wright
Agent or Protestant

Edward Wright, Chairman; Lincoln County Commission
Printed or typed name, if agent

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1997

Judy A. Etchart
Notary Public

JUDY A. ETCHART
Notary Public
STATE OF NEVADA
LINCOLN COUNTY
My Comm. Expires JAN 21, 1998

State Of Nevada

County Of Lincoln

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