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

In the Matter of Application Number 62432
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 1996, **To Appropriate The Waters Of** South Maynard Spring

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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 62432, filed on September 4, 1996 by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the waters of South Maynard Spring situated in South 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

The application asks for rights to water that may or may not exist. Due to economic, custom and culture concerns raised by this community to various projects proposed in recovery plans the service has published, any new acquisition of water is seen as a threat to the communities, existing water rights and private property rights. The service has failed to address valid concerns of the area. This application appears to be their way to circumvent the public process guaranteed under federal law. The area only has water part of the time and surrounding uses could be stopped under federal supremacy laws to provide for these springs.

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 E Wright
Agent or Protestant

Edward Wright, Chariman, 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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