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

In the Matter of Application Number 62433
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 19 96, **To Appropriate The Waters Of** North 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/Adminstration, and protests the granting of Application Number 62433, filed on September 4, 1996 by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the waters of North Maynard Spring situated in South Pahranagat Valley, Lincoln
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 application asks for rights to water that may or may not exist. Due to economic, custom and culture concerns raised by this community to projects proposed in recovery plans the service has published, any new acquisition of water threatens the neighboring uses. The service has failed to address community concerns and those of water and property rights holders in the area. This appears their way to circumvent the public proceses guaranteed under federal law. The service is not at risk and there is not a need to claim these springs. The total use of wildlife to the exclusion of all other uses is not in the public interest.

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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