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

In the Matter of Application Number 62434

Filed By US Fish & Wildlife Service

On Sept. 4, 19 96, **To Appropriate The**

Water Of ~~Proof 01793~~ Ash & Crystal Springs (Reservoir)

Comes Now _____

whose post office address is Post Office Box . Alamo, Nevada 89001 Stewart Bros Ranch, Hiko, NV 89

whose occupation is Ranching, and protests the granting

of Application Number 62434, filed on September 4, 1996

by United States Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the

waters of Ash & Crystal Springs (Reservoir) ~~Proof 01793~~ situated in Pahranagat Valley

Underground or name of stream, lake spring or other source

Lincoln County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds to wit:

The change of use from irrigation is not necessary. The traditional use of the reservoir is for irrigation which also serves wildlife by it's very existence. Also the proposed change may cause economic hardship on the residents and other users of the water in that area due to a proposed recovery plan which has been vigorously opposed by the entire group of water rights holders and users. The proposed changes allows the Fish and Wildlife Service to continue to ignore economic, custom and culture concerns that the residents of this valley have raised to the service. The current uses allow for multiple uses which better serves all public uses.

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 Brent D Stewart / STEWART BROS. CO.

Agent or Protestant

BRENT D STEWART

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address PO Box Stewart Bros Ranch

Alamo, Nevada 89001 Hiko, NV 89017

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February, 1997.

JoAnn Clay

Notary Public

State Of Nevada

County Of Lincoln.

JoAnn Clay
Notary Public - Nevada
My appt. exp. June 13, 2000
No. 92-1138-11