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

In the Matter of Application Number 62434
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 19 96, ~~To Appropriate The~~ To Change the
Waters Of Proof 01793, Ash & Crystal Springs (Reservoir)

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes Now Lincoln County Commissioners on behalf of it's electorate
Printed or typed name of Protestant

Whose post office address is Post Office Box 90 Pioche, Nevada 89043
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is County Government/Admisistration, and protests the granting

of Application Number 62434, filed on September 4, 19 96

by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to ~~appropriate~~ change the

waters of Proof01793 - Ash & Crystal Springs (Reservoir) situated in ~~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 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 existance. 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 vigerously 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 rasied 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 Edward E 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, 19 97

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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