

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

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

In the Matter of Application Number 62436
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 1996, To Appropriate The
Waters Of Big Springs (Lonetree Spring)

Comes Now Lincoln County Commissioners on behalf of their electorate

Whose post office address is Post Office Box 90 Printed or typed name of Protestant Pioche, Nevada 89043

whose occupation is County Government/ Administration Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code, and protests the granting

of Application Number 62436, filed on September 4, 1996 *Jhs*

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

waters of Big Springs (Lonetree Spring) situated in 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 and domestic to wildlife is unnecessary
The proposed use is to irrigate meadows and habitat which is what it
already does under current uses. The proposed use would allow further
deterioration of the farmlands on the refuge. The change of use can have
an economic impact upon the neighboring uses which are for the same uses.
The current use adequately protects and provides for uses as described
in the application.

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.

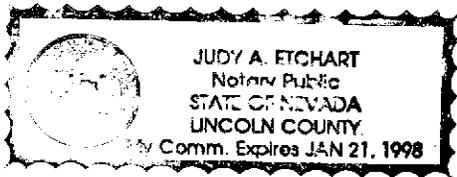
Signed Edward Wright
Agent or Protestant

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

Address Post Office Box 90
Street No. Or P.O. Box No.

Pioche, Nevada 89043
City, State and Zip Code No.

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



Judy A. Etchart
Notary Public

State Of Nevada

County Of Lincoln

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