

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 62440
Filed By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
On September 4, 19 96, To Appropriate The
Waters Of certificate 10019 underground

Comes Now Lincoln County Commissioners in behalf of their electorate

Whose post office address is Post Office Box 90 Pioche, Nevada 89043

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

of Application Number 62440, filed on September 4, 19 96

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

waters of certificate 10019 Underground situated in Pahrnagat 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 proposed change is not necessary since the rposed use is irrigation.
The change would adversely affect surrounding users by allowing the
Service to invoke federal reserve water rights to the detriment to all prior
rights in the area. The service has no need to change the traditional use
unless it is their intent to use federal reserve rights to implement their
recovery plans which heretofore have been hotly opposed by the community
The service has failed to acknowledge the concerns of the community
or to address them. This appears to be an attempt to circumvent federal
law requiring consultation, cooperation and coordination with the community.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be denied

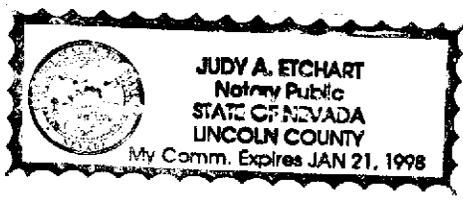
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

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, 19 97



Judy A. Etchart
Notary Public
State Of Nevada
County Of Lincoln

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