

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 65939, FILED BY Bright-Holland Corporation, ON January 27th, 2000, TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF Cottonwood Creek

PROTEST

Comes now U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District

whose post office address is 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445

whose occupation is Federal Land Management Agency, and protests the granting of Application Number 65939, filed on January 27, 2000

by Bright-Holland Corporation to appropriate the

waters of Cottonwood Creek situated in Washoe

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

The point of diversion as described in the public notice is located on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The applicants have not sought, nor have they received authorization to conduct surface disturbing activity on federal land. This authorization will not be considered until such time that a full analysis of the environmental impacts has been conducted. Cottonwood Creek has been identified as a potential recovery site for the threatened species, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Diverting this amount of water at this point within the watershed, will severely impact the aquatic habitat of the threatened species.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be Denied

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

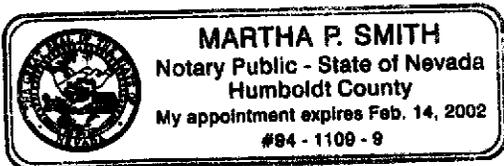
Signed Colin P. Christensen Agent or protestant

Colin P. Christensen Printed or typed name, if agent

Address 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd Street No. or P.O. Box No.

Winnemucca, NV 89445 City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 2000.



Martha P. Smith Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of Humboldt

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