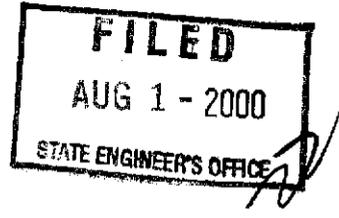


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 65948,
FILED BY Moapa Board of Paiutes,
ON 1/28/2000, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Underground

PROTEST



Comes now U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 911 NE 11th Ave, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Agency of the Federal Government, and protests the granting

of Application Number 65948, filed on 1/28/2000

by Moapa Board of Paiutes to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant

waters of Underground situated in Clark
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:

Granting this application may injure Service water rights and water resources. The hydrologic connectivity between the area of the proposed groundwater withdrawal and the Muddy River Springs is not known for certain, but preliminary analysis indicates that the proposed pumping may impact spring discharge in the Muddy River Springs area. The Service is awaiting final analysis and is negotiating with the tribe to monitor or mitigate any anticipated impacts. If a satisfactory agreement can be worked out, the Service will withdraw its protest.

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be Denied
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

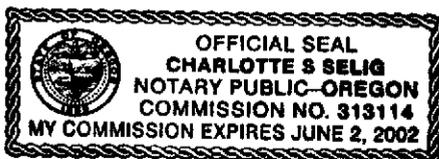
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed [Signature]
Agent or protestant

Paul Rauch, Agent for USFWS
Printed or typed name, if agent

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of JULY 2000.



Charlotte S. Selig
Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Multnomah

\$25

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