

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 70010
FILED BY Michael Maestri
ON 8th day of May, 2003, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Root Spring



PROTEST

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OCT 15 2003
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.
whose occupation is Federal Land Management Agency and protests the granting
of Application Number 70011, filed on the 8th day of May, 2003
by Michael Maestri to appropriate the
waters of Cornish Canyon Creek situated in Pershing
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:

Please refer to Exhibit A

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 Les Boni
Agent or protestant

Les Boni, Assistant Field Manager
Printed or typed name, if agent

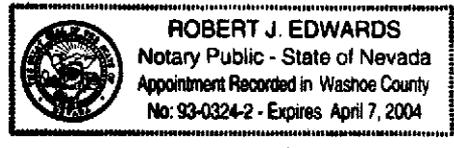
Address 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 2003

Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of Humboldt



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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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Exhibit A

Application 70010, as filed by Mr. Michael Maestri on May 08, 2003 for the waters of Root Spring, is wholly located on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office (WFO). The WFO does hereby protest the granting of this application on the following grounds:

1. Root Spring occurs in the Rawhide Allotment. This is a common use allotment, which Mr. Maestri shares with two other grazing permittees (Pleasant Valley Ranch Inc. and Vesco Ranch). The granting of this application to a single entity would complicate the rangeland administration and subordinate the other parties with recognized grazing privileges for this area. There are no formal range line agreements delineating where each party grazes.