

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....72599.....
FILED BY....COYOTE SPRINGS INVESTMENT, LLC.,
ON...13TH DAY OF APRIL....., 2005....., TO
APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF...STATE OF NEVADA.....



PROTEST



Comes now the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, whose post office address is 702 N. Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500 Ely, NV 89301 and whose occupation is public land management, to protest the granting of Application Number 72599, filed on April 13, 2005 by Coyote Springs Investment, LLC. to appropriate 6.0 c.f.s. of the public waters of the State of Nevada. Diversion is to be made from an underground source (Carbonate Well K) at a point located within Lot 2 of Section 6 T5N, R66E MDM, or at a point from which the NE corner of Section 11, T5N, R66E, MDM, bears S 66 degrees 09'28"W, a distance of 8,381.53 feet (Southern Lake Valley about 25 miles N of Pioche, NV)., Lincoln County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit **See attached**

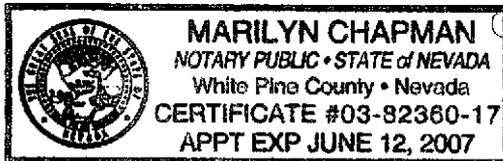
THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be**DENIED**.....
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

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

Signed
Stephanie Connolly
Agent or protestant

**Stephanie Connolly, AFM, Renewable Resources
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, Nevada 89301**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 2005



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Marilyn Chapman
Notary Public

State of NEVADA

County of White Pine

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ATTACHMENT FOR PROTEST OF APPLICATION 72599

1. This application is for municipal use. The point of diversion for the underground water source is not within proximity of a municipality.
2. This applicant cannot put the water to beneficial use. The applicant does not possess a Right of Way across public lands or an easement to transport water from the underground source to a municipality.
3. The hydrologic balance of the basin would be altered. This application is one of 14 similar applications all within Basin 183. The cumulative cone of depression created by concentrating so many wells pumping at the rates requested would have a severe drawdown effect on the alluvial beds presently supplying local water needs. This application is also within 2 of the same townships and the same Basin 183 as the 67 applications filed by Tuffy Ranch Properties, LLC. on March 4, 2005, to appropriate the waters for an underground source. These were protested by the Bureau of Land Management on June 15, 2005.