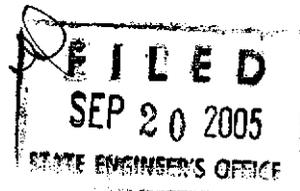


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 72991
FILED BY BLM
ON July 7, 2005, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Little Cottonwood W. Spring



PROTEST



Comes now Mickey Yarbro, Chairman, on behalf of Lander County Board of Commissioners
whose post office address is 315 South Humboldt Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
whose occupation is County government administration and protests the granting
of Application Number 72991, filed on July 7, 2005
by Bureau of Land Management to appropriate the
waters of Little Cottonwood W. Spring situated in Lander County

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
Lander County protests BLM's application for appropriating the public waters of Lander County. The application seeks to appropriate water for wildlife purposes. Lander County asserts that the BLM application is inappropriate because Nevada Revised Statutes require the State Engineer to ensure that water from spring sources customarily utilized by wildlife remain available for wildlife. See NRS 535.367. Because the State Engineer is required to ensure that wildlife have access to spring and seep water, there is no reason for the BLM to seek water appropriation as requested through this application.

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 Mickey Yarbro
Mickey Yarbro, Chairman

Address 315 South Humboldt Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820



JANALEE M. MURRAY
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEVADA
Date Appointment Exp: 04-24-2008
Certificate No: 94-4751-1

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of September, 2005.
Janalee M. Murray
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Lander

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