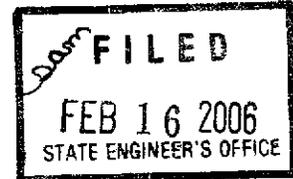


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73547  
FILED BY Idaho General Mines  
ON Dec 5, 2005 TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Kobey Valley



PROTEST



Comes now Tim Halpin  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 538 Eureka NV 89316  
whose occupation is FARMER and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73547 filed on Dec 5, 2005  
by Idaho General Mines to appropriate the  
waters of underground situated in Kobey Valley  
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

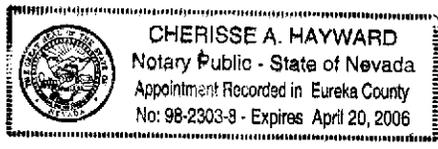
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See Attached

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 Tim Halpin  
Tim Halpin  
Address P.O. Box 538  
Eureka NV 89316

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 2006 at Hayward



State of Nevada  
County of Owens

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IDAHO GENERAL MINES  
APPLICATION #73547

My concerns are to protect my water rights, permit #29765, Cert. #8881. I own and operate a hay farm on a half section. This farm has been family ran for 30 years and I hope to pass it on to my sons. I am located right on the east side of Whister Mountain and have concerns being so close to IGM filings that I could suffer from a decline in my water table. I also have concerns as my irrigation water is warm and with the hot water in Kobey Valley is it possible that my water source could be tied into the same underground source as IGM filings. USGS had water flow diagrams showing water flows coming from Monitor, Antelope and Kobey Valleys empty into Diamond Valley. However, the USGS has data showing Diamond Valley water tables declining since 1960, which of course is cause for concern.