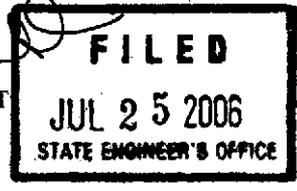


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73957
FILED BY Elko County
ON 3/3, 2006, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Elko County

} PROTEST



Comes now Coni D Steward
whose post office address is 701 Mt City Hwy #2 Elko Nevada 89801
whose occupation is Metallurgical Technician and protests the granting
of Application Number 73957, filed on March 3, 2006
by Elko County to appropriate the
waters of North Fork Area situated in Elko County

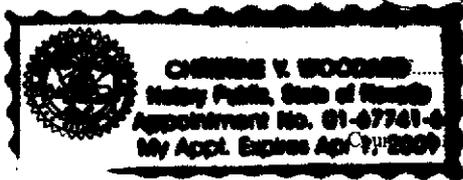
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

There is a direct connection between the Ground Water Elko County will be pumping and our domestic wells in this area. Not only will it affect our wells but also, it could affect our surface waters, springs, seeps, and the aquifer. It could not only have an impact on our domestic use and our livelihood but it could also effect livestock, wildlife and increase fire danger due to less water supply for forage, vegetation, soil, and the rangelands we call home. We also will want to protect our water for our area and not allow it to be pump out to other counties and cities. To my knowledge no research or testing has been done to evaluate if the aquifer is the same one as our wells run off of or what the impact of the pumping of the proposed well will do to our ground water supply. The families in this area have invested a lot of time and money in their wells and land that they have to maintain on their own. The proposed well could have yet another financial and hardship burden to local homeowners.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Denied/subject to prior use/rights
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Coni D Steward
Coni D. Steward
Address 701 Mt. City Hwy. #2
Elko Nevada 89801
775-756-5406

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 2006
Christine Woodard
Notary Public
Nevada
Elko



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