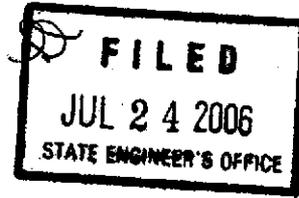


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73958  
FILED BY Elko County  
ON July 16, 2006 TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF underground source

} PROTEST



Comes now Maggie Creek Ranch, LP  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 2010 Elko, Nevada 89803  
whose occupation is ranching and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73958, filed on May 16, 2006  
by Elko County to appropriate the  
waters of underground source situated in Elko County, Nevada

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

- (1) A portion of the place of use is on real property owned by the Protestant. Elko County has not obtained Protestant's consent to use its real property.
- (2) The appropriation would interfere with Protestant's prior underground rights and vested surface water rights under the Humboldt River Decree.

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 WILSON BARROWS & SALVER  
by Stewart R. Wilson  
Address 442 Court Street  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
(775) 738-7271

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 20, 2006  
Donna L. Mitchell  
Notary Public



State of Nevada  
County of Elko

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