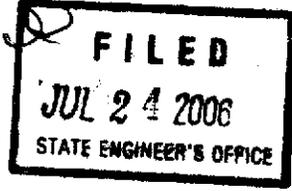


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73959
FILED BY Elko County
ON July 16, 2006, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF underground source

} PROTEST



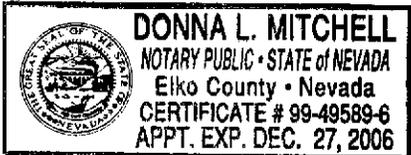
Comes now Maggie Creek Ranch, LP
whose post office address is P.O. Box 2010 Elko, Nevada 89803
whose occupation is ranching and protests the granting
of Application Number 73958 filed on May 16, 2006
by Elko County to appropriate the
waters of underground source situated in Elko County, Nevada
County, 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 & SALYER
by Stewart R. Wilson
Address 442 Court Street
Elko, Nevada 89801
(775) 738-7271

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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