

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....77517.....  
FILED BY..SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY.....  
ON...21 OCTOBER....., 2008....., TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF .....AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE.....

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Comes now...U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Ely District.....  
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is...HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada, 89301.....  
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.

whose occupation is ....Federal Land Management..... and protests the granting  
of Application Number .....77517....., filed on .....21 October....., 2008.....

by .....Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA).....to appropriate the  
waters of ....an underground source (well).....situated in .....White Pine.....  
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

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

...1). Southern Nevada Water Authority or any other private entity has no jurisdiction or ownership over either the wildlife or public lands which the wildlife occupies. The Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) exclusively own and manage the wildlife and public lands, respectively, and 2). In order to draw water from a well owned by the BLM, a cooperative range improvement agreement must exist between the BLM and SNWA covering the water source in question; no such agreement exists. BLM will not authorize SNWA to draw water from the BLM well.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be.....Denied.....

Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed .....*[Signature]*.....  
Agent or protestant

For John Ruhs, District Manager.....  
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address.....HC 33 Box 33500.....  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.

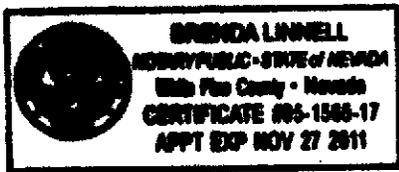
.....Ely, Nevada 89301.....  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008

.....*[Signature]*.....  
Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of White Pine



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*[Handwritten initials]*