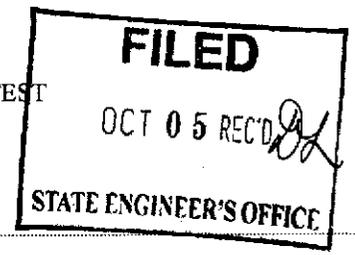


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 85354
FILED BY Duncan Family 2002 Trust
ON July 28, 2015



PROTEST

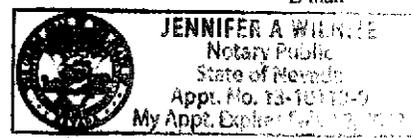
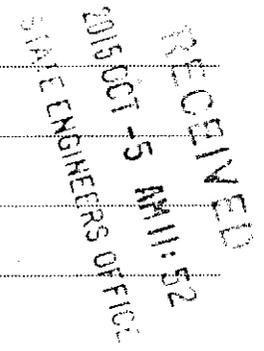


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of Application Number 85354, filed on July 28, 2015
by Duncan Family 2002 Trust for the
waters of Spring (Trinity Spring) situated in Pershing
an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
Please see attached statement of reasons.

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
Aron King
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State of Nevada
County of Humboldt
Subscribed and sworn to before me on Oct. 1, 2015
by Aron King



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Mr. Jason King, P.E.
State Engineer
Division of Water Resources
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701-5250

Dear Mr. King:

This letter is a Statement of Reasons, attached to the BLM's protest of water rights application Nos. 85354 and 85355. Approval of these water rights would prove detrimental to the public interest. The grounds for BLM protest are as follows:

1. The springs for which water rights are being applied lie within the Ragged Top Allotment. The applicant holds permits for the neighboring Coal Canyon-Poker allotment, but has no permitted use within this allotment. Further, the applicant holds no right-of-way to convey water from the sources to a place where it does have permitted use.
2. The applicant holds Cooperative Agreements dated June 1, 1962 with the Bureau of Land Management to develop, maintain, and use improvements to Happy Jack and Trinity Springs. Section I of the Cooperative Agreements require such use to be "in conjunction with authorized operations under any grazing permit, license, or lease, or renewals thereof issued to the Cooperator(s) by the Bureau." On the date of the agreements, the applicant had permits to use the Poker Allotment which held the springs. However, the allotment boundaries were changed in 1966 when the Ragged Top allotment was created, which now holds these springs. Since the change in the allotment boundary, the applicant has had no permitted use of the springs. As these springs are not within the applicants permitted Allotment, use of the improvements would not be authorized.
3. There are two permittees authorized to graze livestock on the Ragged Top allotment. Under Authorization #2700108, John Olagaray is permitted to run 2,000 sheep from 12/24 to 3/19. John Espil Sheep Company INC. is allowed 2,835 sheep from 12/01 to 3/14 under

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Authorization #2700044. The ability of these permittees to water their livestock could be hampered by granting water rights to a party with no permitted use on the allotment.

4. BLM claims Public Water Reserve 107 on both springs for current and future use for domestic and livestock watering purposes within the Ragged Top allotment.

If you have any further questions please contact Bob Gibson (Hydrologist) at (775) 623-1763.

Sincerely,



Aron C. King
Field Manager
Humboldt River Field Office

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