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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73552
FILED BY Idaho General Mines
ON Dec 5, 2005, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Kobey Valley



PROTEST

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now Tim Halpin
whose post office address is P.O. Box 538 Eureka NV 89316
whose occupation is FARMER and protests the granting
of Application Number 73552, filed on Dec 5, 2005
by Idaho General Mines, Inc to appropriate the
waters of underground situated in Kobey Valley
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

See Attached

THEREFORE the Protester requests that the application be denied
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Tim Halpin
Agent or protestant
TIM HALPIN
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address P.O. Box 538
Eureka NV 89316
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 2006

 **CHERRISSE A. HAYWARD**
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded in Eureka County
No: 98-2303-8 - Expires April 20, 2006

Cherrisse A. Hayward
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Owens

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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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IDAHO GENERAL MINES
APPLICATION #73552

My concerns are to protect my water rights, permit #29765, Cert. #8881. I own and operate a hay farm on a half section. This farm has been family ran for 30 years and I hope to pass it on to my sons. I am located right on the east side of Whister Mountain and have concerns being so close to IGM filings that I could suffer from a decline in my water table. I also have concerns as my irrigation water is warm and with the hot water in Kobey Valley is it possible that my water source could be tied into the same underground source as IGM filings. USGS had water flow diagrams showing water flows coming from Monitor, Antelope and Kobey Valleys empty into Diamond Valley. However, the USGS has data showing Diamond Valley water tables declining since 1960, which of course is cause for concern.