

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 89509
FILED BY Nevada Gold Mines, LLC
ON February 4, 2020



PROTEST

Comes now Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR)

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is HC 61 Box 6104, 195 Tribal Center Road, Ibapah, UT 84034

Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code

whose occupation is federally recognized Indian Tribe

and protests the granting

of Application Number 89509

, filed on February 4, 2020

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by Nevada Gold Mines, LLC

for the

waters of underground in Goshute Valley (Basin 187)

situated in Elko

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:

The CTGR use the cultural and environmental resources within Goshute Valley, including historic and ceremonial sites, hunting and gathering areas, and its many water sources. It would be detrimental to the public interest to deplete or degrade these resources. Plus, the proposed use of water for applications 89509-89538 will substantially lower the groundwater table over a large area, will degrade water quality in affected basins, will have centuries-long impacts on the aquifer and hydrologically connected resources, and will constitute groundwater mining. Substantial uncertainty exists as to the totality of environmental and hydrologic harms that would result from the proposed use. Therefore, any proposed mitigation will be highly uncertain and unreliable. The proposed use will also increase evaporation which will transport water out of the subject basin. The proposed use would violate Nevada water law and policy. CTGR incorporates by reference the protest grounds of Great Basin Resource Watch et al. CTGR reserves the right to amend this protest.

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.

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Nevada, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed Rupert Steele
Agent or protestant

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