



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Mojave National Preserve

Docket No: 126

MINERAL SPRING (S010064)

Preliminary Docket Information

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Application ID: S010064 [View Statement](#)

Water Right Type: Statement of Div and Use

Permit ID: None

Water Rights Status: Inactive (01/29/2010)

License ID: None

Primary Owner: None

Current Parties	Relationship	Effective Date
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☒ Historical Parties

Historical Parties	Relationship	Date Range
U S NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	Primary Owner	01/11/2001 To 10/24/2001
GARY OVERSON	Non-Primary Owner	09/15/1994 To 01/11/2001
LINDA OVERSON	Non-Primary Owner	09/14/1994 To 09/15/1994

Record Summary

Application Acceptance Date	05/14/1980
Permit Issuance Date	
License Issuance Date	
Face Value Amount	0.0
Subtypes (Statements Only)	

Name(s) of Sources of Water	County Location	Parcel Number	Diversion Site Name	Lat/Long Coordinates
MINERAL SPRING	San Bernardino			35.41120865 ; -115.46229118

[Map It](#)

Beneficial Uses	Acres	Direct Diversion Season	Collection to Storage Season
Stockwatering	0.0	1/1 to 12/31	
Irrigation	0.0		

Electronic Reports

Year	Revision	Report Type	Date Received	View Report PDF
no reports submitted				

*For reports submitted prior to 2009, please contact our records room.

Water Rights Associated with Primary Owner

Application ID	Water Right Type	Water Right Status
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Associated Decisions/Orders

Decision/Order Number	Date	Description	View Document
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State of California
State Water Resources Control Board
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Info: (916) 341-5300, FAX: (916) 341-5400, Web: <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov>

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

If the information below is inaccurate, please line it out in red and provide current information.
Notify this office if ownership or address changes occur during the coming year.

Please Complete and Return This Form by July 1, 2001.

Owner of Record: U S NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ;

U S NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
222 E MAIN ST STE:202
BARSTOW, CA 92311



Statement No: S010064
Password: 04190110028460
Phone Number: (760)255-8801

*If the mail recipient's name, address or phone No. is wrong or missing, please correct.

Source Name: MINERAL SPRING

Year of First Use:

Tributary To: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED

County: San Bernardino

Parcel Number:

Diversion Within: NW1/4 of SW1/4 Section 02, T15N, R14E, SB&M

A. Water is used under: Riparian claim _____ Pre 1914 right _____ Other (explain): _____

B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) _____

C. Amount of Use -- Enter the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Amounts below are: Gallons _____ Acre-feet _____ Other _____													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual
1998													
1999													
2000													

D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering _____; Domestic _____;

Other (specify) _____

E. Changes in Method of Diversion -- Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

F. Please answer only those questions below which are applicable to your project.

1. Conservation of water

a. Are you now employing water conservation efforts? YES ___ NO ___

Describe any water conservation efforts you have initiated:

b. If credit toward beneficial use of water under claimed pre 1914 appropriate water right for water not used due to a conservation effort is claimed under section 1011 of the Water Code, please show the amounts of water conserved:

Reductions in Diversions:

yr _____ (af/mg) yr _____ (af/mg) yr _____ (af/mg)

Reductions in consumptive use:

yr _____ (af/mg) yr _____ (af/mg) yr _____ (af/mg)

I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conservation efforts. YES ___ NO ___

OCT 31 2001



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Mojave National Preserve
222 East Main Street, Suite 202
Barstow, California 92311



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Jesse A*

N3617 (MOJA-RM)

January 18, 2001

Mr. Chuck Pettee
Water Resources Division
1201 Oak Ridge Drive, Ste 250
Ft. Collins, CO 80525

Dear Mr. Pettee: *Chuck*

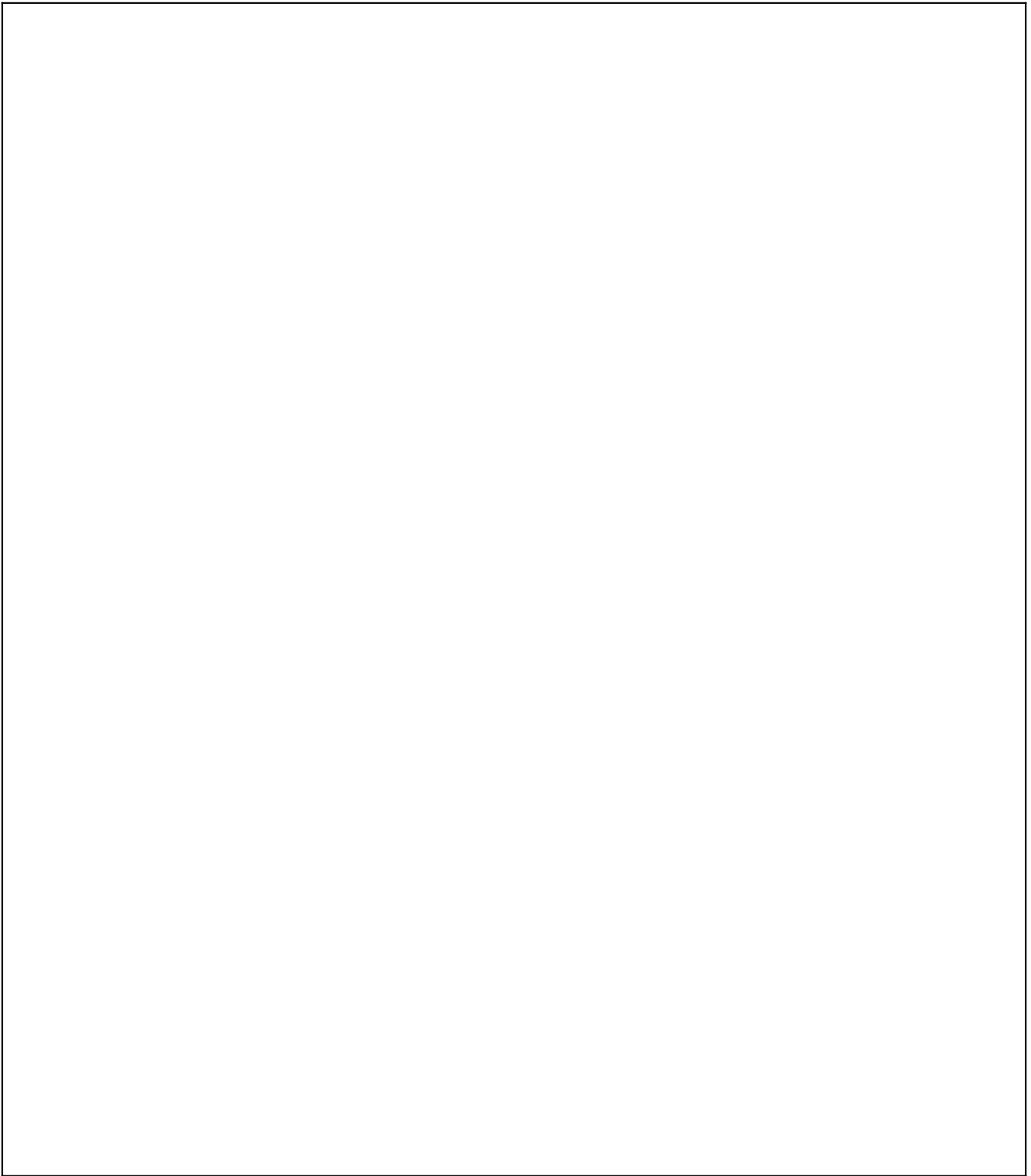
Enclosed please find a list of water rights which has been transferred to the National Park Service. The State Water Resources Control Board will be changing their records to show the change in ownership.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 760-255-8818.

Sincerely,

Mike Reynolds, Chief
Resource Management

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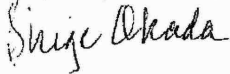
U.S. National Park Service

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If I can be of further assistance, please write or call me at (916) 341-5369.

Sincerely,



Shige Okada, Chief
Licensing Unit

cc: Gary and Linda Overson
P.O. Box 6
Cima, CA 92323

State of California
State Water Resources Control Board
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
Info: (916) 657-2170, FAX: (916) 657-1485, Web: <http://www.waterrights.ca.gov>

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

If the information below is inaccurate, please line it out in red and provide current information.
Notify this office if ownership or address changes occur during the coming year.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 2000**OWNER OF RECORD:** LINDA OVERSON, GARY OVERSON

LINDA OVERSON
PO BOX 6
CIMA, CA 92323

STATEMENT NO: 8010064

SOURCE: MINERAL SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION

WITHIN: NW¼ OF SW¼ SECTION 2, T15N, R14E, SB&M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(619) 928-2580
YEAR OF FIRST USE:
PARCEL NO:

- A. Water is used under: Riparian claim _____ Pre 1914 right ☒ Other (explain): _____
- B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) late 1860s ☒
- C. Amount of Use - Enter the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Year	Amounts below are:												Total Annual
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1997	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
1998	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
1999	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	

- D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering Approx. 25hd; Domestic _____;

Other (specify) _____

- E. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

- F. Please answer only those questions below which are applicable to your project.

1. Conservation of water

- a. Are you now employing water conservation efforts? YES ☐ NO ☐
Describe any water conservation efforts you have initiated: _____

- b. If credit toward beneficial use of water under claimed pre 1914 appropriative water right for water not used due to a conservation effort is claimed under section 1011 of the Water Code, please show the amounts of water conserved:

Reductions in Diversions:

19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg)

Reductions in consumptive use:

19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg)

I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conservation efforts. YES ☐ NO ☐

2. Water quality and wastewater reclamation

- a. Are you now or have you been using reclaimed water from a wastewater treatment facility, desalination facility or water polluted by waste to a degree which unreasonably affects such water for other beneficial uses? YES _____ NO ☒
- b. If credit toward use under a claimed pre 1914 appropriative water right through substitution of reclaimed water, desalinated water or polluted water in lieu of appropriated water is claimed under section 1010 of the Water Code, please show amounts of reduced diversions and amounts of reclaimed water used:

19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg)
 I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to wastewater reclamation. YES _____ NO _____

3. Conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater

- a. Are you now using groundwater in lieu of surface water? YES _____ NO _____
- b. If credit toward use under a claimed pre 1914 appropriative right through substitution of groundwater in lieu of appropriated water is claimed under section 1011.5 of the Water Code, please show the amounts of groundwater used:

19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg) 19 _____ (af/mg)
 I have data to support the above surface water use reductions due to conjunctive use efforts. YES _____ NO _____

I understand that it may be necessary to document the water savings claimed in "F." above if credit under Water Code sections 1010 and 1011 is sought in the future.

I declare that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: 5-18 2001 at Cima, California

SIGNATURE: Linda Overson

PRINTED NAME: Linda Overson
 (first name) (middle init.) (last name)

COMPANY NAME: _____

If there is insufficient space for your answers, please use the space provided below.

ITEM CONTINUATION

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WATER RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

There are two principal types of surface water rights in California. They are riparian and appropriative rights.

A riparian right enables an owner of land bordering a natural lake or stream to take and use water on his riparian land. Riparian land must be in the same watershed as the water source and must never have been severed from the sources of supply by an intervening parcel without reservation of the riparian right to the severed parcel. Generally, a riparian water user must share the water supply with other riparian users. Riparian rights may be used to divert the natural flow of a stream but may not be used to store water for later use or divert water which originates in a different watershed, water previously stored by others, return flows from use of groundwater, or other "foreign" water to the natural stream system.

An appropriative right is required for use of water on nonriparian land and for storage of water. Generally, appropriative rights may be exercised only when there is a surplus not needed by riparian water users. Since 1914, new appropriators have been required to obtain a permit and license from the State. Appropriate rights can be granted to waters "foreign" to the natural stream system.

Statements of Water Diversion and Use must be filed by riparian and pre 1914 appropriative water users as set forth in Water Code section 5100 with specific exceptions. The filing of a statement (1) provides a record of water use, (2) enables the State to notify such users if someone proposes a new appropriation upstream from their diversions, and (3) assists the State to determine if additional water is available for future appropriators.

The above discussion is provided for general information. For more specific information concerning water rights, please contact an attorney or write to this office. We have several pamphlets available. They include: (1) Statements of Water Diversion and Use, (2) Information Pertaining to Water Rights in California, and (3) Appropriation of Water in California.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
P.O. BOX 2000, SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-2000
(916) 657-2170

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

If the information below is inaccurate, please line it out in red and provide current information.
Notify this office if ownership or address changes occur during the coming year.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1997

OWNER OF RECORD: LINDA OVERSON, GARY OVERSON

LINDA OVERSON
PO BOX 6
CIMA, CA 92323

STATEMENT NO: S010064



TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(619) 428-2580
YEAR OF FIRST USE:
PARCEL NO:

SOURCE: MINERAL SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION
WITHIN: NW¼ OF SW¼ SECTION 2, T15N, R14E, SB&M.

- A. Water is used under: Riparian claim _____; Pre 1914 right ☒; Other (explain): _____
- B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) _____.
- C. Amount of Use - Enter the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Amounts below are: ☐ Gallons ☐ Acre-feet ☐ (other) _____

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1994	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1995	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1996	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

- D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.
Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering 25hd appx Domestic _____
Other (specify) _____
- E. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

- F. If part of the water listed in Part C consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: June 30 1997 at Cima, California

SIGNATURE: Linda Overson

PRINTED NAME: Linda (FIRST NAME) Overson (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME: Kissler Springs Ranch

See back of page for General Information. If there is insufficient space for your answers, please number them in the space provided on the back of this form.

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**** PLEASE COMPLETE, SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL AND MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS ****

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

P.O. BOX 2000 SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

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OWNER OF RECORD: LINDA OVERSON

LINDA OVERSON
P O BOX 6
CIMA, CA 92323

SOURCE: MINERAL SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION
WITHIN: NW¼ OF SW¼ SECTION 2, T15N, R14E, MDB&S.

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
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YEAR OF FIRST USE:
PARCEL NO:

(If any of the above information is inaccurate or missing, please correct. Notify this office if ownership or address changes occur during the coming year.)

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1995

- A. Water is used under: Riparian claim _____; Pre 1914 right ☒; Other (explain) _____
- B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) late 1800's
- C. Amount of Use - Enter the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.

Amounts below are: ☐ Gallons ☐ Acre-feet ☐ (other) _____

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL ANNUAL
1992	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
1993	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
1994	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	

- D. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.
- Irrigation _____ acres; Stockwatering 25 hd apper.; Domestic _____
- Other (specify) _____

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*** PLEASE COMPLETE, SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL AND MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS ***

- E. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

None

- F. If part of the water listed in Part C consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: April 26, 1995, at Cima, California

SIGNATURE: Linda Overson

PRINTED NAME: Linda (FIRST NAME) Overson (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME: DBA Kessler Springs Ranch (M. NAME)

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"Statements of Water Diversion and Use"
 "Information Pertaining to Water Rights in California"
 "Water Rights for Stockpounds Constructed Prior to 1969"
 "Appropriation of Water in California"

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
Division of Water Rights

P.O. BOX 2000 SACRAMENTO, CA 95810
901 P ST. SACRAMENTO, CA
(916) 322-4803

STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD

(916) 324-5676

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE FOR 1992

DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
STATEMENT NO: 010064

DIVERTER OF RECORD:

GARY & LINDA OVERSON
P O BOX 6
CIMA, CA 92323

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
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IF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE NO. IS WRONG OR MISSING, PLEASE CORRECT.

SOURCE: MINERAL SPRING

TRIBUTARY TO: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED

COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO

DIVERSION

WITHIN: NW1/4 OF SW1/4 SECTION 02, T15N, R14E, SBB&M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete Items A, B and C. Item D should be completed if you replaced all or part of your regular water supply with reclaimed or polluted water. RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1992. (Additional information on reverse side of this form.)

- A. Amount of Use - Fill in the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.
- Amounts below are: ☐ Gallons ☐ Acre-feet ☐ _____ (other)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1989	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1990	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1991	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

- B. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____

Stockwatering Approx. 25 hd Cattle

Domestic _____

Other (specify) _____

- C. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

None

- D. If part of the water listed in Part A consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: Feb. 5, 19 92, at Cima, California

Signature Linda Overson

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
Division of Water Rights

P.O. BOX 2000 SACRAMENTO, CA 95810
901 P ST. SACRAMENTO, CA 95811
(916) 322-4503

STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
SACRAMENTO

STATEMENT NO: 010064

DIVERTER OF RECORD:

GARY & LINDA OVERSON
P O BOX 6
CIMA, CA 92323

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
() -

IF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE NO. IS WRONG OR MISSING, PLEASE CORRECT.

SOURCE: MINERAL SPRING

TRIBUTARY TO: IVANPAH LAKE WATERSHED

COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO

DIVERSION

WITHIN: NW1/4 OF SW1/4 SECTION Q2, T15N, R14E, SBB&M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete Items A, B and C. Item D should be completed if you replaced all or part of your regular water supply with reclaimed or polluted water. RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1989. (Additional information on reverse side of this form.)

- A. Amount of Use - Fill in the amount of water used each month. If monthly and annual use are not known, check the months in which water was used.
- Amounts below are: ☐ Gallons ☐ Acre-feet ☐ _____ (other)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1986	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1987	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1988	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

- B. Purpose of Use - Specify number of acres irrigated, stock watered, persons served, etc.

Irrigation _____

Stockwatering 25 head cattle

Domestic _____

Other (specify) _____

- C. Changes in Method of Diversion - Describe any changes in your project since your previous statement was filed. (New pump, enlarged diversion dam, location of diversion, etc.)

None

- D. If part of the water listed in Part A consists of reclaimed or polluted water, please indicate the annual amounts of reclaimed or polluted water in the space below.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED:

Jan 4

, 19 89

at

California

Signature:

Linda Overson

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTSSTATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE
(This is not a Water Right)

This statement should be typewritten or legibly written in ink.

STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD

May 14 2 30 PM '80 **S10064**

A. Name of person diverting water Gary & Linda Overson
Address P.O. Box 32 Cima Ca. 92323 DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
Telephone SAGRAMENTO

B. Name of body of water at point of diversion Summit Spring or Mineral Spring
Tributary to Indian Ivanpah Lake watershed

C. Place of diversion 1/4 1/4 Section 2, Township 15N, Range 4E, SB B&M,
San Bern Co. line County, or locate it on sketch of section grid on reverse side with regard to section
lines or prominent local landmarks.

D. Name of works Summit Spring or Mineral Spring

E. Capacity of diversion works _____ cubic feet per second
Capacity of storage reservoir 200 gal. gallons per minute
State quantity of water used each month in gallons or acre-feet
gallons
acre-foot

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1979	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

If monthly and annual use are not known, check months in which water was used. State extent of use in
units, such as acres of each crop irrigated, average number of persons served, number of stock watered, etc.
25 Head of Cattle

Maximum annual water use in recent years 1/4 gal a minute gallons
acre-foot

Minimum annual water use in recent years depends on amount of Annual Rainfall gallons
acre-foot

Type of diversion facility: gravity ☒, pump _____

Method of measurement: weir _____, flume _____, electric power meter _____, water meter _____, estimate ☒

F. Purpose of use (what water is being used for) Livestock

G. General description or location of place of use (use sketch of section grid on reverse side if you desire)
In boundaries of BLM Allotment of Kessler Springs Ranch

H. Year of first use as nearly as known Early 1900's

I. Name of person filing statement Gary and Linda Overson
Position Owners Organization Kessler Springs Ranch
Address P.O. Box 32 Cima Ca. Telephone None

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
DATED: May 7, 19 80, at Cima, California.
Signature: Gary Overson
Linda Overson

See Instructions on Reverse Side

SWRCB 40 (7-77)

6-202-12-01-0



National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Natural Resource Stewardship & Science
Water Resources Division

1201 Oakridge Dr., Ste. 250
Fort Collins, CO 80525
970-225-3548 phone
970-225-9965 fax

Water Rights Branch

Note to File

Date: May 23, 2016
From: Joseph Chafey, WRB Hydrologist
File: MOJA Dockets with Grazing Allotment Water Rights
Subject: Land History
From Neglected Space to Protected Place: An Administrative History of Mojave National Preserve by Eric Charles Nystrom, March 2003

Nystrom EC and Great Basin CESU. 2003. From Neglected Space to Protected Place: An Administrative History of Mojave National Preserve. Administrative History IRMA – Data Store – Published Report – (Code: 650008)
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/650008>

Description

Report on the formation and management of Mojave National Preserve. Information on mining issues, resources, and threats to the Preserve are included.

Chapter 8 – Administrative History (excerpt)

For Mojave National Preserve, grazing is a controversial and important issue that cannot be ignored. Widespread political and cultural overtones help make grazing a sensitive issue for everyone involved. As such, park management tread carefully but deliberately in the arena of grazing management. The Park Service has long viewed grazing as antithetical to its mission, permitting the activity in certain parks only when political circumstances absolutely required it. Park Service culture and policy have historically limited grazing in national parks, initially to differentiate itself from the Forest Service, and in later years to help maintain ecosystems. The long history of grazing in Mojave National Preserve and permission for its continuation in perpetuity by legislative action complicates natural resource decisions, making the goal of a functioning pre-grazing ecosystem frustratingly difficult to achieve.

At the time Mojave National Preserve was established, all or part of eleven BLM grazing allotments, established under the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act, were included within the park. Superintendent Marvin Jensen brought a background in range conservation with him and established a friendly management tone toward grazers. All existing operations were issued NPS permits to continue with their ranching activity, and management of the range did not differ substantially from BLM activity.

The Park Service also took concrete steps toward limiting grazing when possible, providing that the situation was politically feasible. The portion of the Piute allotment within the park was for ephemeral forage only and was in desert tortoise habitat. Management decided that any ephemeral forage must, at behest of the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan, be used by the desert tortoise, so a permit to graze ephemeral forage would never be issued. A second allotment, Crescent Peak, was owned by a conservation group, who had purchased it as part of a move to

eliminate grazing in southern Nevada. Since no active grazing was taking place, the permit was retired. Not long after the creation of the Preserve, the rancher who held the Clark Mountain grazing allotment passed away, and Park Service regulations forbid the issue of a permit for renewed operations there. Irene Ausmus held the Round Valley allotment, just large enough for her to keep her two pet cows in feed, but not so big as to cause significant resource issues for the park.

Major cattle operations in Mojave National Preserve were essentially controlled by three groups. The Overson family was responsible for the largest share of the acreage, with the OX and Kessler Springs ranches owned by Gary and Linda Overson, and the Granite Mountains ranch owned by their son, Clay Overson. Next in size were the Valley View and Valley Wells allotments, both owned by Richard Blincoe, an Idaho agriculturalist, and managed by Tim Overson. The Blair family operated the 71L Ranch on the Colton Hills and Gold Valley allotments. During the CDPA debate, the Blairs worked to preserve their ranching way of life, and an original clause that specified a twenty five year sunset on Mojave ranching was removed from the bill largely as a result of their efforts. In 2001, the park concluded an arrangement begun in 1998 where the 40 acres of park land that included the 71L Ranch headquarters were swapped to the Blairs for 40 acres of undisturbed land in critical desert tortoise habitat owned by the ranching family. Touted as a "win-win" situation for the Blairs and the Park Service, the deal also showed locals that the government was not out to destroy family ranchers in the Preserve.

Ranch lands are identified in the California Desert Protection Act as top priorities for acquisitions. In contrast to the Blairs' opposition to the CDPA, Gary Overson specifically requested that his ranchlands be included in the park, to guarantee an acceptable purchase price should he decide to sell his property. Beginning in 1995, Deputy Superintendent Mary Martin worked to coordinate the sale of Overson's ranch to the National Parks Conservation Fund, but after years of contract negotiations, the deal fell through at least in part as a result of strict timelines and reluctance on the part of BLM. Undaunted, Martin sought another donor, but Overson doubted the ability of the Park Service to complete a buyout, as a result of the earlier failed experiment. Overson looked for another private buyer for his ranch, but the park made it clear to the buyer that issuance of a new grazing permit "is not certain" and that "the application process ... is subject to lengthy and potentially costly delays and complex administrative and legal procedures and challenges." As a trial run, Mojave National Preserve and the National Park Foundation worked to move the Granite Mountains Ranch, owned by Overson's son, to NPS control. The deal was completed in April 2000, and set the stage for the park's successful acquisition of Gary Overson's holdings in January 2001. In 2002, Blincoe also agreed to sell his ranches to the park.

The effect of the Overson and Blincoe allotment acquisitions cannot be overstated. Total grazing in the Mojave National Preserve was reduced from some 37,000 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) to approximately 4,000 AUMs, leaving the 71L as the only major cattle ranch in the Preserve. The elimination of grazing will move the formerly grazed lands closer toward a goal of a more naturally functioning ecosystem. The Park Service also gained control of a tremendous number and variety of structures associated with cattle ranching in the eastern Mojave desert. In 2002, a consultant produced a National Register district nomination for the Overson properties, signifying their historic importance to the east Mojave; future plans may include interpretive programs and utilizing some structures for NPS employee housing. The ranches acquired by Mojave National Preserve included some private lands among the holdings, but the most valuable assets to the park were the grazing permits and the ranchers' water rights.



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- 1) California Desert Protection Act of 1994
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Description

An act to designate certain lands in the California Desert as wilderness, to establish the Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, to establish Mojave National Preserve, and for other purposes.

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Description

Outlines the actions that need to be taken to implement the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 and indicates the responsible officials.

Agreement to Conditions
for Donation
Mojave National Preserve
Fee Lands

WHEREAS the National Park Foundation is donating funds towards the National Park Service's acquisition of certain fee lands from Gary and Linda Overson as set forth in the Option Agreement O.X. Ranch, Kessler Springs Ranch and Landreman House between said parties, and amendment(s) thereto.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the National Park Foundation and its donors, as acknowledged by Gary and Linda Overson, that no future grazing will be permitted by the National Park Service on the lands subject to this Agreement, and that water rights, thereon, shall be forever conserved by the National Park Service in accordance with National Park Service laws, the mandates set forth in Mojave National Preserve law, and the terms of this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the National Park Service will administer the interests affected by the Agreement in accord with the terms of this Agreement, the California Desert Protection Act, the National Park Service Organic Act and all laws applicable to the Mojave National Preserve.

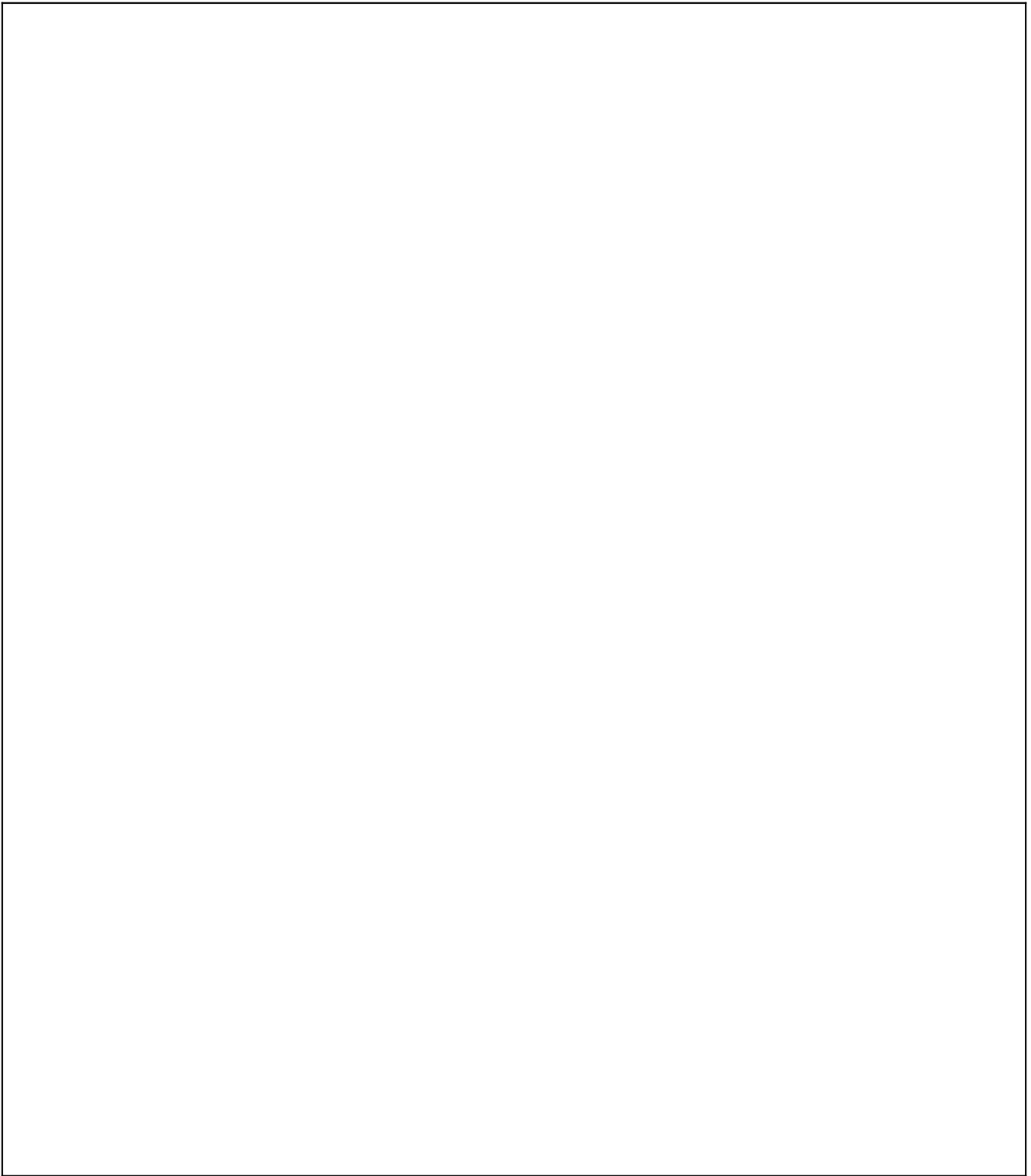
WHEREAS, the National Park Service's acceptance of each and every condition of this Agreement and this Agreement is an inducement to the National Park Foundation to make the Donation, and the Foundation and its donors would not have made this Donation without the National Park Service's acceptance of each and every condition described in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, in making this Agreement, and accepting this Donation, through the National Park Foundation, the National Park Service acknowledges that the measure of the value to the National Park Foundation and its donors of the National Park Service committing to permanently prohibiting any future grazing-related uses upon these lands includes not only any monetary benefit that the Foundation may obtain, if any, but also other benefits, including but not limited to the benefits of ensuring the permanent restoration and preservation of all the land resources, water resources, and scenic aesthetic, and environmental values associated with the lands.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of and as an express condition of this Agreement and the Donation, the National Park Service, on behalf of itself, and its

successors, assigns, and contractors, if any, will not allow/permit livestock or feral animal grazing uses on said lands. Further, the National Park Service agrees to take any and all further measures, as necessary, to ensure permanent cancellation and termination of any grazing leases, permits, and allotments that may be associated with the subject lands. The National Park Service agrees that the lands and all estates, rights, privileges, and interests that are part of or associated with the lands shall be forever conserved and used in perpetuity for the preservation of natural habitat consistent with the conservation and preservation purposes of the Mojave National Preserve.

Further, the National Park Service will administer all water rights that are part of or associated with the lands as conservation and/or reserved water rights of the Preserve as recognized under California water law and/or mandated in the California Desert Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 410aaa-76). The National Park Service will not allow water resources and water rights that are within the Preserve boundary and subject to this Agreement to be used outside the Preserve boundary, nor allow lands subject to this Agreement to be used for transmission of water between locations outside of the Preserve.



Acceptance of voluntary donation and conditions thereof is hereby
acknowledged by:

National Park Service

By: Mary Martin
Mary Martin,
Superintendent
Mojave National Preserve

Date: 10/2/00

John Reynolds
John Reynolds,
Regional Director,
Pacific West Region

Date: 10/13/00

The National Park Foundation

By: James Maddy
James Maddy, President

Date: 10/23/00

Donation
Mojave National Preserve
Grazing Interests, Water Rights, and Range Improvements

WHEREAS, the National Park Foundation has acquired, with funds from anonymous donors, certain interests, including privileges, rights and uses under certain grazing permits and leases, certain water rights and all the title and interest in certain related range improvements related thereto from Gary and Linda Overson as set forth in the Option Agreement O.X. Ranch, Kessler Springs Ranch and Landreman House between said parties, and amendment(s) thereto.

WHEREAS, said grazing privileges, water rights and related range property are set forth on Exhibits A,B, and C attached to and incorporated and made a part of this Donation.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the National Park Foundation and its donors, as acknowledged by Gary and Linda Overson, that said grazing permits and all grazing privileges, rights and uses thereunder shall be forever extinguished and retired by the National Park Service within the Mojave National Preserve and that the water rights shall be forever conserved by the National Park Service in

accordance with National Park Service laws and the mandates set forth in Mojave National Preserve law and the terms of this Donation.

WHEREAS, when the National Park Service acquires fee title to the State of California Schools Lands within the Mojave National Preserve, which lands are subject to grazing rights, water rights, and related rights, the National Park Foundation will donate to the National Park Service, subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Donation, such interests in those lands as the Foundation has acquired from Gary and Linda Overson.

WHEREAS, the National Park Service will administer the interests affected by this Donation in accord with the terms of this Donation, the California Desert Protection Act, the National Park Service Organic Act and all laws applicable to the Mojave National Preserve, which administration will be for non-grazing purposes.

WHEREAS, the National Park Service's acceptance of each and every condition of this Donation is an inducement to the National Park Foundation to make the Donation, and the Foundation and its donors would not have made this

Donation without the National Park Service's acceptance of each and every condition described in this Donation.

WHEREAS, in accepting this Donation, the National Park Service acknowledges that the measure of the value to the National Park Foundation of the National Park Service committing to permanently terminating grazing-related uses upon these lands includes not only any monetary benefit that the Foundation may obtain, if any, but also other benefits, including but not limited to the benefits of ensuring the permanent restoration and preservation of all the land resources, water resources, and scenic aesthetic, and environmental values associated with the property.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of and on the condition that the National Park Service permanently terminate all grazing authorized by permit on the lands included in the Preserve, the Foundation here and now transfers, surrenders and quitclaims, to the National Park Service, through voluntary donation, all grazing privileges, rights and uses heretofore allowed within the boundaries of the Mojave National Preserve under permitted use set forth in Exhibit A, and further transfers, surrenders and quitclaims, through voluntary

donation, all related water rights set forth on Exhibit B, and further, any and all interest in range improvements set forth on Exhibit C, constructed or installed on lands owned by the United States within the Mojave National Preserve.

As an express condition of this Donation, the National Park Service, will extinguish and permanently retire all said grazing permits, rights and uses and shall not issue any further or future grazing rights, privileges or uses on said lands.

Further, the National Park Service will convert all said water rights into conservation and/or reserved water rights of the Preserve as recognized under California water law and/or mandated in the California Desert Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 410aaa-76). The National Park Service will not allow water resources and water rights that are within the Preserve boundary and part of this Donation to be used outside the Preserve boundary.

Further, in compliance with the conditions of this Donation, the National Park Service, within five years from the date upon which this Donation is executed, will expressly incorporate into its General Management Plan for the Mojave National Preserve a commitment that the lands subject to the donated

grazing privileges, rights and use, and related water resources, will not be subject to any grazing or grazing-related use in the future.

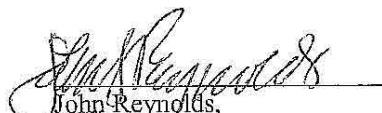
The National Park Service agrees to these conditions by executing an acceptance below. Should the National Park Service not adhere to any of these conditions, the National Park Foundation and/or its donors, through their authorized agent, shall be entitled to pursue any and all legal remedies in equity and law.

Acceptance of voluntary donation and conditions thereof is hereby acknowledged by:

National Park Service

By:


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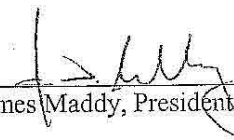
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ABSTRACT

This report presents an overview of the water resources, watersheds, and principal water related issues in the National Park Service's Mojave National Preserve. The Preserve, which is located in San Bernardino County, Southern California and totals nearly 1.6million acres, provides for the preservation of natural and cultural resources, outdoor recreation, and appreciation of the California desert. The mountains of the Preserve also contain the headwaters of major desert watersheds, which are the areas where groundwater recharge occurs.

The report provides a summary of common meteorological data for the area, including precipitation, humidity, evaporation, and temperatures. The principal hydrologic basins are described, discussing the processes of surface and ground-water flows, flooding, and aquifer recharge. Details are given on the springs, seeps, and guzzlers (artificial water catches) in the Preserve, describing locations of these water features and discussing flow and water quality.

An overview of wells is presented, listing the numbers of wells, and discussing well yields, depths to water table, and quality of the ground water, with tables of data or summary lists included as appendices.

Information is provided on key sources of information, agency programs, literature, and relevant expertise related to water resources and water issues in the area, providing names of key individuals. Water resource issues in the area are discussed, including: mining activities and their water demands and potential water quality impacts; the possible deleterious effect of development at the Preserve's periphery on the springs and wells in the Preserve; the concern of attaining and protecting water rights for the Preserve; possible contamination by hazardous wastes; flooding at selected sites where resources or structures could be at risk of flash floods; how to manage guzzlers within the context of a wilderness area; and the questions of exotic vegetation and animals and their impacts on riparian zones or seep areas.

Recommendations are presented, to flag the issues which should be of concern to the Preserve and to suggest ideas or follow-up work to tackle certain problems or to collect needed information. Draft proposals (project statements) are presented for six project ideas.

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