Docket Number: 75

LOWER SNAKE SPRING TRIBUTARY TO COTTONWOOD WASH (S013301)

Preliminary Docket Information

DOCKET INFORMATION FORM

Compiled by: Alexa Kreiling Date: 6/10/2024
Initial Docket Information Form ☒ Amendment # _____ (1,2,3 ...)
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Park Unit: MOJA **Docket #:** 75 **Docket Title** Lower Snake Spring tributary to Cottonwood Wash (S013301)

Docket Type:
Select all applicable: ☒ PC/V (pre-code/vested) ☐ APP (appropriative) ☐ RIP (riparian)
☐ FRR (federal reserved right) ☐ PWR (public water reserve) ☒ ACQ (acquired)
☐ GW (groundwater) ☐ Own (ownership) ☐ Other _____

Region:
☐ NER & NCR ☐ IMR
☐ SER ☐ MWR
☐ IMR ☒ PWR
☐ AKR

Source:
☐ Groundwater ☒ Spring (When recognized by the State as separate from groundwater and surface water)
☐ Surface Water
☐ Direct Diversion ☐ Diversion to Storage ☐ Instream Flow
Name: Lower Snake Spring

State: CA
County: San Bernardino

Owner: U.S. National Park Service (As listed by the State)

Application #: S013301 **Date:** 1/28/2010
Permit #: _____ **Date Issued:** _____
License / Certificate #: _____ **Priority Date:** 1920
Ruling/Order/Decree #: _____ **Date Issued:** _____

Quantity: Rate: 300 Duty: _____
Units: ☐ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☒ other gpd Units: ☐ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☐ other _____

Use(s): ☐ Domestic ☐ Livestock ☐ Irrigation ☐ Municipal ☐ Industrial/Commercial ☒ Wildlife ☐ Instream ☒ other Recreation

POD Name / Location: _____ ☐ Multiple PODs (see water right)
Qtr: NE Qtr: SE Sec: 5 T: 8 N R: 13 E PM: _____
Latitude: 34.8091584 Longitude: -115.6326849
UTM _____ , _____ Datum: _____

POU Name / Location: _____ ☐ Multiple POUs (see water right)
Qtr: _____ Qtr: _____ Sec: _____ T: _____ R: _____ PM: _____
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
UTM _____ , _____ Datum: _____

Narrative / Remarks: Enter short narrative in the space below, attach additional page(s) as needed.

-3/29/1989 Clay Overson & Sandra Overson (Granite Mountain Ranch) filed statement.

-Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use (1992, 1993, 1994) claimed Pre-1914 and year of first use as 1900-1920.

-1/25/1994 California Desert Protection Act of 1994, Mojave National Preserve created.

-Granite Mountain Ranch allotment retired.

-7/24/2012 NPS informed SWRCB purpose of use changed to wildlife and recreation (Hansen_CA SWRCB_07-24-2012.pdf).

-eWRIMS data: Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use (1994, 1995, 1996) filed by Overson.

☒ Additional Page(s) Attached

-Blank Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use (1998, 1999, 2000) sent ~2/2001 to NPS 222 E Main St., Ste 202, Barstow, CA 92311; Holder History: Overson 09/14/1994 – 09/15/199; N/A 9/15/1994 – 6/21/2000; NPS 06/21/2000 - 10/25/2001.

-9/2014 Phone conversation with Darin Clark (SWRCB) status in eWRIMS is changed to inactive when SWRCB attempts to and is unable to contact owner of record or agent, generally due to an undeliverable notice from USPS.

☐ Additional Page(s) Attached

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Mojave National Preserve

LOWER SNAKE SPRING TRIBUTARY TO COTTONWOOD WASH (S013301)

State Water Rights Documentation

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Water Resources Division
1201 Oakridge Drive, Suite 250
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525-5596

TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

July 24, 2012

L54 (2380)
MOJA/Water Rights

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
1001 I Street, 14th Floor
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000
Attn: Kelli Garver

Re: Change of Purpose of Use of Pre-1914 Claims, Mojave National Preserve

Ms. Garver:

Please find attached a list of Pre-1914 Claims held by Mojave National Preserve. These claims were originally established for livestock watering purposes in conjunction with the grazing of cattle on federal land. The associated grazing allotments are located within or adjacent to Mojave National Preserve and have been retired. Consequently, these claims are now used for wildlife and recreation purposes.

Please accept this letter as our request to change your records to reflect a change in the purposes of use of these claims from livestock watering, to wildlife and recreation uses.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Lord at (970) 225-3526, or by email at: eric_lord@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Wm. R. Hansen

William R. Hansen
Chief, Water Rights Branch
National Park Service

Enclosure

cc: Mojave National Preserve – Superintendent Dubois
SOL (Lakewood) - Fahmy

2380 - Rosenlieb

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE
PRE-1914 CLAIMS

STATE ID	SOURCE	CURRENT USE
S10060	Beck Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10061	Bathtub Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10062	Coyote Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10063	Wildcat Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10065	Burro Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10066	Bullock Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10067	Mexican Water Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10068	Silver Lead Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S10069	Marl Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S11343	Kessler Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S11344	Kessler Spring Wells	Wildlife, Recreation
S11345	Cut Springs	Wildlife, Recreation
S11346	White Rock Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S11347	Live Oak Springs	Wildlife, Recreation
S11348	Cottonwood Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S11349	Butcher Knife Canyon	Wildlife, Recreation
S11350	Sacaton Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13296	Sheephorn Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13297	Bull Canyon Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13298	Cottonwood Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13299	Budweiser Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13300	Willow Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13301	Lower Snake Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13302	Upper Snake Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13303	Cottonwood Spring 2	Wildlife, Recreation
S13304	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13305	Van Winkle Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13306	Coyote Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13307	Bighorn Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13308	Arrowweed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13309	Quail Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13310	Upper Quail Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13311	Twin Springs	Wildlife, Recreation
S13312	Horse Hills Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13313	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13314	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13315	Cornfield Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13316	Dam Good Spring	Wildlife, Recreation

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE
PRE-1914 CLAIMS

STATE ID	SOURCE	CURRENT USES
S13317	Pipe Wrench Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13318	Bolder Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13319	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13429	Hackberry Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13430	Vontrigger Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13431	Hogaboom Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13432	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13433	Rock Springs	Wildlife, Recreation
S13434	Govt Holes Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13435	Govt Holes Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13436	Woods Canyon Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13437	Watson Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13438	Black Diamond Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13439	Eagle Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13440	Lanfair Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13441	Payne Wells	Wildlife, Recreation
S13442	Carruthers Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13443	Headquarters Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13444	Brant Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13445	Cliff Canyon Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13446	4th of July Canyon	Wildlife, Recreation
S13447	Young Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13448	Slaughter House Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13449	Unnamed Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13450	Hidden Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13451	Barnwell Wells	Wildlife, Recreation
S13452	Lecyr Well	Wildlife, Recreation
S13453	Hummingbird Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13454	Keystone Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13455	Carruthers Canyon	Wildlife, Recreation
S13456	Quail Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13457	Willow Spring	Wildlife, Recreation
S13458	Dove Spring	Wildlife, Recreation

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: S013301
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: LOWER SNAKE SPRING
Year of First Use: 1920
Tributary To: COTTONWOOD WASH
County: San Bernardino
Parcel Number:
Diversion Within: NE1/4 of SE1/4 Section 05, T08N, R13E, 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 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:

   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 ___

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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:

   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (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:

   yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (af/mg) yr_____ _____ (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:_____, 20_____ at _____, California

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME:_____
(first name) (middle init.) (last name)

COMPANY NAME:_____

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

ITEM CONTINUATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WATER RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

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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.

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

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1997

OWNER OF RECORD: CLAY OVERSON, SANDRA OVERSON

CLAY OVERSON
PO BOX 8
CIMA, CA 92323

STATEMENT NO: S013301

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SOURCE: LOWER SNAKE SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: COTTONWOOD WASH
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION WITHIN: NE¼ OF SE¼ SECTION 5, T8N, R13E, SB&M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 928-2532
YEAR OF FIRST USE: 1920
PARCEL NO:

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

B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) 1900-1920.

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 20 head; Domestic _____
Other (specify) of cattle year around

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.)
No changes

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.
None

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

DATED: June 25, 19 97 at Cima, California

SIGNATURE: Sandra Overson

PRINTED NAME: Sandra (FIRST NAME) K (MIDDLE INIT.) Overson (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME: _____

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

STATEMENT NO: S013301
OWNER OF RECORD: CLAY OVERSON and SANDRA OVERSON

CLAY OVERSON, SANDRA OVERSON
P O BOX 8
CIMA, CA 92323

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
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DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS SACRAMENTO

SOURCE: LOWER SNAKE SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: COTTONWOOD WASH
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION
WITHIN: NE¼ OF SE¼ SECTION 5, T8N, R13E, MDB&S.

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COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 1, 1995.

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

B. Year of first use (Please provide if missing above) 1900 - 1920.

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.

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

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DATED: June 1, 19 95, at Cima, California

SIGNATURE: Sandra Overson

PRINTED NAME: Sandra (FIRST NAME) Kay (M. NAME) Overson (LAST NAME)

COMPANY NAME:

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STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

ROUTE SHEET

NAME: Clay and Sandra Overson

STATEMENT NUMBER(S): S10502

1. Secretary	KSN JUN 8 1990 KSN	✓	Log in and assign Statement No.
		✓	Assign to staff engineer
2. Staff Engr.	KSN JUN 8 1990 KSN.	✓	Review for acceptance and for completeness (WC5103)
			Accept: yes ✓ no ___
		✓	Plot P.O.D. on spot map in Blue ink
			List 1. Spot map page no. 2. Name of Quad Sheet 3. Minute series 4. Calif. Coordinates with zone no. 5. Stream Code
		✓	All above information on the bottom of statement in black ink.
3. Secretary	JUN 8 1990 KSN KSN	✓	Send copy to diverter with form letter (WR40e) when complete
		✓	Log out to AWRIS unit
4. AWRIS	JUN 18 1990 ICRB	✓	Update AWRIS
5. File Room			File

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS SACRAMENTO

STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

(This is not a Water Right)

This statement should be typewritten or legibly written in ink.

A. Name of person diverting water Clay & Sandra Overson

Address P. O. Box 8, Cima, CA 92323 Telephone:

B. Name of body of water at point of diversion Snake Spring

Tributary to ~~unnamed wash~~ Cottonwood Wash

C. Place of diversion NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 5, Township 8N, Range 13E, SB B&M, San Bernardino 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 Lower Snake Spring

E. Capacity of diversion works _____ cubic feet per second / gallons per minute

Capacity of storage reservoir _____ gallons / acre-feet

State quantity of water used each month in gallons or acre-feet

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Annual
1988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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.

20 head of cattle year around

Maximum annual water use in recent years _____ gallons / acre-feet

Minimum annual water use in recent years _____ gallons / acre-feet

Type of diversion facility: gravity X, pump ____

Method of measurement: weir ____, flume ____, electric power meter ____, water meter ____, estimate X

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

G. General description or location of place of use (use sketch of section grid on reverse side if you desire)

H. Year of first use as nearly as known 1920

I. Name of person filing statement Clay Overson

Position owner Organization Granite Mountain Ranch

Address P. O. Box 8, Cima, CA 92323 Telephone:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: March 29, 19 89, at Cima, California.

Signature: Clay Overson

O-41 Flynn 15'

Zone-5

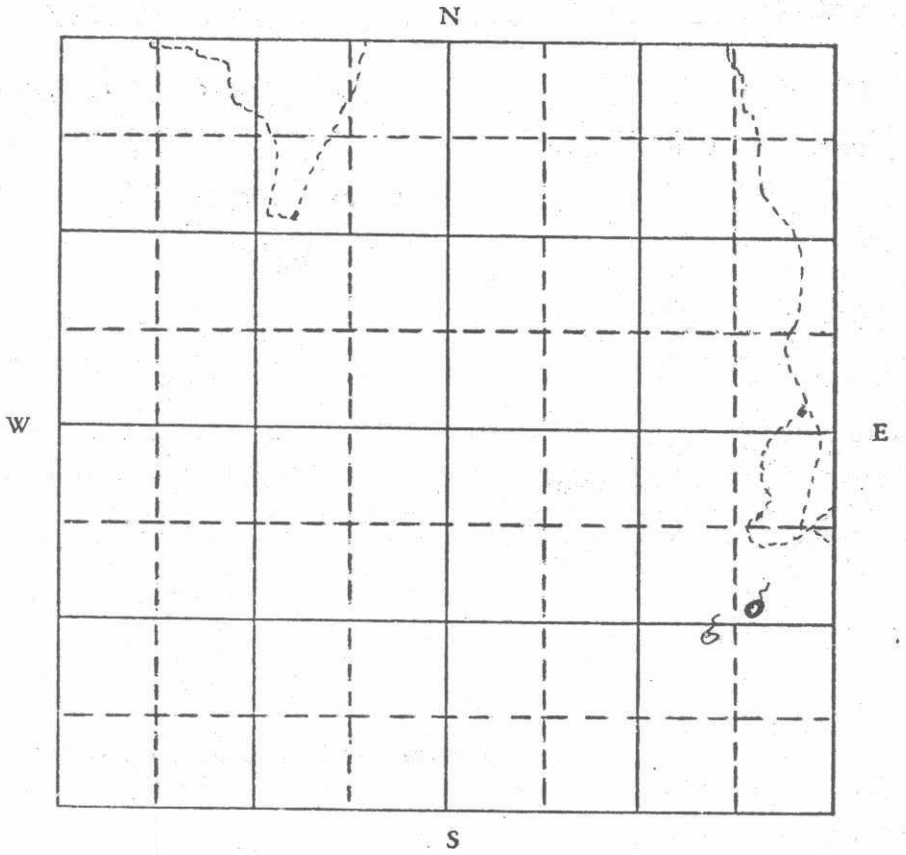
SC-6-102-52-98-4

WR 40 (6/83)

See Instructions on Reverse Side

N 484.800 E 2710.800

The location of the diversion point and the place of use may be sketched on this section grid. If it is used, please enter the section(s), township and range below and show any streams or other landmarks that will assist in identifying the area.



Section(s) 5

Township 8N; Range 13E; SB B&M

INSTRUCTIONS:

A separate statement should be filed for each point of diversion.

A duplicate copy will be returned for your file.

Please send the completed statement to: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
Division of Water Rights
P. O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95810

03 HISTORY

Mojave National Preserve

LOWER SNAKE SPRING TRIBUTARY TO COTTONWOOD WASH (S013301)

Land History

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The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the actions that need to be taken to implement the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 and indicate the responsible officials. Its primary audience is park managers, staff, and the interested public. Its objectives are to provide an administrative history, outline steps for activating the act's provisions, and clarify the responsibilities of federal and state officials. Key aims include designating and managing new wilderness areas and national parks, protecting natural resources, preserving traditional land uses like grazing, and coordinating law enforcement and land management activities. The document is crucial for guiding the effective management and preservation of the protected areas.

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From Neglected Space to Protected Place: An Administrative History of Mojave National Preserve by Eric Charles Nystrom, March 2003

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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 7IL 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 7IL 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 7IL 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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Mojave National Preserve

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Other Supporting Information

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The purpose of this report is to describe how the park was conceived and established and how it has been managed to the present day. Its primary audience is park managers and staff, but it is also directed to the interested public. The report aims to be as comprehensive as possible while emphasizing management issues of ongoing concern. It is essentially a chronological narrative with the selection of topics and the amount of detail weighted somewhat more heavily toward the recent past. While the administrative history covers many diverse management issues, its core objective is to distinguish those historical themes that most ably explain this national park's unique character and course of development.

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