Docket Number: 72

COTTONWOOD SPRING (S013298)

Preliminary Docket Information

DOCKET INFORMATION FORM

Compiled by: Alexa Kreiling Date: 6/10/2024
Initial Docket Information Form ☒ Amendment # _____ (1,2,3 ...)
Includes Confidential Content ☐

Park Unit: MOJA **Docket #:** 72 **Docket Title** Cottonwood Spring tributary to Cottonwood Wash (S013298)

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

State: CA
County: San Bernardino

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

Application #: S013298 **Date:** 1/28/2010
Permit #: _____ **Date Issued:** _____
License / Certificate #: _____ **Priority Date:** 1920
Ruling/Order/Decree #: _____ **Date Issued:** _____

Quantity: Rate: 750 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: NW Sec: 12 T: 8 N R: 12 E PM: _____
Latitude: 34.80504678 Longitude: -115.67612094
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 - 10/24/2001.

-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

02 STATE

Mojave National Preserve

COTTONWOOD SPRING (S013298)

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 WA RESOURCES CONT ROL BOARD, DIVISION OF WA . R 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: CLAY OVERSON, SANDRA OVERSON

CLAY OVERSON
PO BOX 8
CIMA, CA 92323

STATEMENT NO: S013298

S 0 1 3 2 9 8

SOURCE: COTTONWOOD SPRING
TRIBUTARY TO: COTTONWOOD WASH
COUNTY: SAN BERNARDINO
DIVERSION WITHIN: NE¼ OF NW¼ SECTION 12, T8N, R12E, 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 50 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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ITEM	CONTINUATION

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WATER RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

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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

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
1995 JUN -5 PM 2:51
DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
SACRAMENTO

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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): S13298

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 KSN 8 1990 KSN

—— Send copy to diverter with form letter (WR40e) when complete

—— Log out to AWRIS unit

4. AWRIS JUN 1 8 1990 lcb

—— Update AWRIS

5. File Room

—— File

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

S13298

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

1989 APR -7 PM 2:54

(This is not a Water Right)

This statement should be typewritten or legibly written in ink.

DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS SACRAMENTO

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 Cottonwood Spring

Tributary to Cottonwood Wash

C. Place of diversion NE ¼ NW ¼ Section 12, Township 8N, Range 12E, 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 Cottonwood Spring 1

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.

50 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 _____, California.

Signature: Clay Overson

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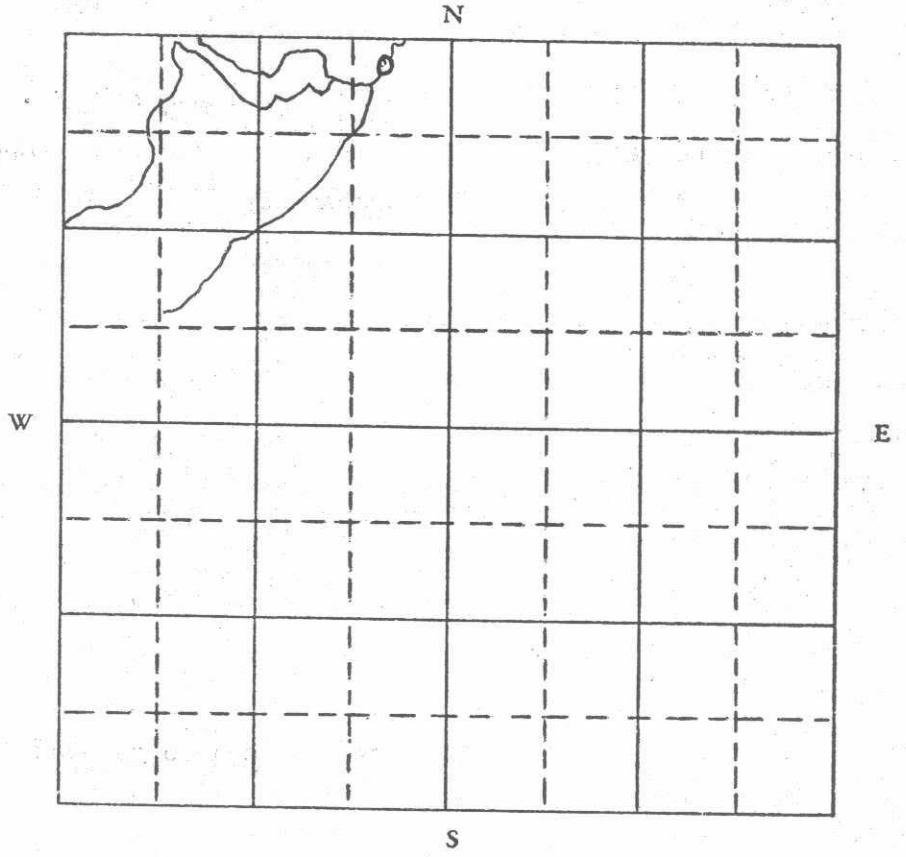
Zone 5 6-102-52-98-2

WR 40 (6/83)

See Instructions on Reverse Side

N 483.000 E 7,697,800

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) 12

Township 8N; Range 12E; 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

COTTONWOOD SPRING (S013298)

Land History

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 22, 2024
From: Alexa Kreiling, WRB Water Rights Research Assistant
File: MOJA Technical Report
Subject: Land History
Activation: California Desert Protection Act of 1994 – June 3, 1995

Director, National Park Service and Director, Bureau of Land Management. 1995. To: National Park Service, WASO Directorate and Others. Re: Activation: California Desert Protection Act of 1994 – June 3, 1995
IRMA – Data Store – Published Report – (Code: 2229521)
DataStore - Activation: California Desert Protection Act of 1994 – June 3, 1995 (nps.gov)

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

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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 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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Memorandum

To: Chief, National Program Center, Land Resources Division, WASO

From: Chief, Pacific Land Resources Program Center, PWR

Subject: Transmittal of Deed Assembly

Area: Mojave NP

Tract No.: See Exhibit "A"

Landowner: PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)

Deed No.: 2

State: California

County: San Bernardino

The original documents for this subject acquisition are transmitted herewith as follows:

( ) 1. Recorded Deed

( ) 2. Final Title Opinion

( ) 3. Final Title Insurance

( ) 4. Certificate of Inspection & Possession

( ) 5. Payment and Closing Sheet

( ) 6. Accepted Offer to Sell

( ) 7. Hazardous Materials Survey

( ) 8. Administrative Certificate/ Waiver

( ) 9. Lis Pendens

( ) 10. Complaint/DT

( ) 11. Judgment

(X) 12. Public Law 103-433 10/31/94

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106-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	WITHDR	21,553.00	10/31/94
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8386	175-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	2,609.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	176-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	22,344.16	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	177-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	18,354.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	178-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	12,696.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	179-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	4,515.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	180-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	2,518.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	181-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	280.00	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	184-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	5,141.65	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	185-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	3,180.89	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
8386	186-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	4,162.70	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
TRACTS CONVEYED BETWEEN 10/31/1994 AND 10/31/1994 FOR MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE
RUN DATE: 09/18/2003

AREA: MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

AREA	TRACT	LANDOWNER	ACRES	CONVEYED	AMOUNT	ESTATE	MOA	STATUS	ST	COUNTY	NEGOTIATOR
8386	189-01	PUBLIC DOMAIN (BLM)	3,274.77	10/31/1994	0.00	FEE	WTHDR	FED	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	
	89 TRACTS		1,355,599.04		0.00						

AREA: MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE, CALIFORNIA

AUTHORIZATION
Act of October 31, 1994 (P.L. 103-433), established Mojave National Preserve.

ACQUISITION AUTHORITY
Act of October 31, 1994, authorized acquisition by donation, purchase or exchange. Privately owned lands may be acquired only with the consent of the owner unless the owner's use or proposed use of the land is deemed incompatible with the purposes of the preserve. Construction or modification of a single-family residence shall not be considered incompatible with purposes of the preserve. Lands or interests owned by the State of California, or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only by donation or exchange, except for lands managed by the California State Lands Commission. The act authorized the transfer to the National Park Service (NPS), without consideration, of described lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The act provides that if a person holding a grazing permit is willing to convey to the United States any base property with respect to which such permit was issued, the Secretary shall make the acquisition of such base property a priority.

ESTABLISHED
October 31, 1994

BOUNDARY REVISIONS
None

ACREAGE LIMITATIONS
None

STATUTORY CEILING FOR LAND ACQUISITION
Act of October 31, 1994, authorized appropriations for land acquisition by NPS and BLM not to exceed a total of $300,000,000.

REMARKS
Act of October 31, 1994, requires that:
(1) Until acquired by the United States, no non-Federal lands within the park boundary shall be subject to rules or regulations applicable solely to Federal lands within such boundary.
(2) None of the lands within the park boundary shall be granted to or otherwise made available for use by the Metropolitan Water District pursuant to the Boulder Canyon Project Act or any similar acts.
(3) Upon request of the California State Lands Commission, the Secretary shall negotiate to acquire by exchange State School lands within the boundaries of the park system units designated by the act. Until all such State school lands have been acquired, no Federal lands or interests within the State of California may be disposed of prior to providing the State an opportunity to enter into an exchange of those Federal lands for State School lands.
(4) Lands and interests in land to be acquired pursuant to this act shall be appraised without regard to the presence of a threatened or endangered species.

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Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on park resources. Nothing in this title shall have the effect of terminating the fee title to lands or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities on or under such lands granted to the Metropolitan Water District pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 324), which are located on lands included in the Joshua Tree National Park, but outside lands designated as wilderness under section 601(a)(2). Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on park resources. The Secretary shall prepare within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act, in consultation with the Metropolitan Water District, plans for emergency access by the Metropolitan Water District to its lands and rights-of-way.

SEC. 407. JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) The Secretary shall establish an Advisory Commission of no more than fifteen members, to advise the Secretary concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive management plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

(b)(1) The advisory commission shall include an elected official for each County within which any part of the park is located, a representative of the owners of private properties located within or immediately adjacent to the park, and other members representing persons actively engaged in grazing and range management, mineral exploration and development, and persons with expertise in relevant fields, including geology, biology, ecology, law enforcement, and the protection and management of National Park resources and values.

(2) Vacancies in the advisory commission shall be filled by the Secretary so as to maintain the full diversity of views required to be represented on the advisory commission.

(c) The Federal Advisory Committee Act shall apply to the procedures and activities of the advisory commission.

(d) The advisory commission shall cease to exist ten years after the date of its establishment.

TITLE V—MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

SEC. 501. FINDINGS.

The Congress hereby finds that—

(1) Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, as established by this Act, protect unique and superlative desert resources, but do not embrace the particular ecosystems and transitional desert type found in the Mojave Desert area lying between them on public lands now afforded only impermanent administrative designation as a national scenic area;

(2) the Mojave Desert area possesses outstanding natural, cultural, historical, and recreational values meriting statutory designation and recognition as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) the Mojave Desert area should be afforded full recognition and statutory protection as a national preserve;

(4) the wilderness within the Mojave Desert should receive maximum statutory protection by designation pursuant to the Wilderness Act; and

(5) the Mojave Desert area provides an outstanding opportunity to develop services, programs, accommodations and facilities to ensure the use and enjoyment of the area by individuals with disabilities, consistent with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 101–336, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101), and other appropriate laws and regulations.

SEC. 502. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE.

There is hereby established the Mojave National Preserve, comprising approximately one million four hundred nineteen thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Mojave National Park Boundary—Proposed", dated May 17, 1994, which shall be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate offices of the Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SEC. 503. TRANSFER OF LANDS.

Upon enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transfer the lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management depicted on the maps described in section 502 of this title, without consideration, to the administrative jurisdiction of the Director of the National Park Service. The boundaries of the public lands shall be adjusted accordingly.

SEC. 504. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

Within six months after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall file maps and a legal description of the preserve designated under this title with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives. Such maps and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and in the maps referred to in section 502. The maps and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SEC. 505. ABOLISHMENT OF SCENIC AREA.

The East Mojave National Scenic Area, designated on January 13, 1981 (46 FR 3994), and modified on August 9, 1983 (48 FR 36210), is hereby abolished.

SEC. 506. ADMINISTRATION OF LANDS.

(a) The Secretary shall administer the preserve in accordance with this title and with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4).

(b) The Secretary shall permit hunting, fishing, and trapping on lands and waters within the preserve designated by this Act in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws except that the Secretary may designate areas where, and establish periods

when, no hunting, fishing, or trapping will be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, or compliance with provisions of applicable law. Except in emergencies, regulations closing areas to hunting, fishing, or trapping pursuant to this subsection shall be put into effect only after consultation with the appropriate State agency having responsibility for fish and wildlife. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the States with respect to fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters covered by this title nor shall anything in this Act be construed as authorizing the Secretary concerned to require a Federal permit to hunt, fish, or trap on Federal lands and waters covered by this title.

SEC. 507. WITHDRAWAL.

Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal lands within the preserve are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; from location, entry, and patent under the United States mining laws; and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing, and mineral materials, and all amendments thereto.

SEC. 508. REGULATION OF MINING.

Subject to valid existing rights, all mining claims located within the preserve shall be subject to all applicable laws and regulations applicable to mining within units of the National Park System, including the Mining in the Parks Act (16 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), and any patent issued after the date of enactment of this title shall convey title only to the minerals together with the right to use the surface of lands for mining purposes, subject to such laws and regulations.

SEC. 509. STUDY AS TO VALIDITY OF MINING CLAIMS.

(a) The Secretary shall not approve any plan of operation prior to determining the validity of the unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites affected by such plan within the preserve and shall submit to Congress recommendations as to whether any valid or patented claims should be acquired by the United States, including the estimated acquisition costs of such claims, and a discussion of the environmental consequences of the extraction of minerals from these lands.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall permit the holder or holders of mining claims identified on the records of the Bureau of Land Management as Volco #A CAMC 105446, Volco #B CAMC 105447, Volco 1 CAMC 80155, Volco 2 CAMC 80156, Volco 3 CAMC 170259, Volco 4 CAMC 170260, Volco 5 CAMC 78405, Volco 6 CAMC 78404, and Volco 7 CAMC 78403, Volco Placer 78332, to continue exploration and development activities on such claims for a period of two years after the date of enactment of this title, subject to the same regulations as applied to such activities on such claims on the day before such date of enactment.

(2) At the end of the period specified in paragraph (1), or sooner if so requested by the holder or holders of the claims specified in such paragraph, the Secretary shall determine whether there has been a discovery of valuable minerals on such claims and whether, if such discovery had been made on or before July 1, 1994, such claims would have been valid as of such date under the mining laws of the United States in effect on such date.

(3) If the Secretary, pursuant to paragraph (2), makes an affirmative determination concerning the claims specified in paragraph (1), the holder or holders of such claims shall be permitted to continue to operate such claims subject only to such regulations as applied on July 1, 1994 to the exercise of valid existing rights on patented mining claims within a unit of the National Park System.

SEC. 510. GRAZING.

(a) The privilege of grazing domestic livestock on lands within the preserve shall continue to be exercised at no more than the current level, subject to applicable laws and National Park Service regulations.

(b) If a person holding a grazing permit referred to in subsection (a) informs the Secretary that such permittee is willing to convey to the United States any base property with respect to which such permit was issued and to which such permittee holds title, the Secretary shall make the acquisition of such base property a priority as compared with the acquisition of other lands within the preserve, provided agreement can be reached concerning the terms and conditions of such acquisition. Any such base property which is located outside the preserve and acquired as a priority pursuant to this section shall be managed by the Federal agency responsible for the majority of the adjacent lands in accordance with the laws applicable to such adjacent lands.

SEC. 511. UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY.

(a)(1) Nothing in this title shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued right-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities in such right-of-way, issued, granted, or permitted to Southern California Edison Company, its successors or assigns, which is located on lands included in the Mojave National Preserve, but outside lands designated as wilderness under section 601(a)(3). Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on preserve resources.

(2) Nothing in this title shall have the effect of prohibiting the upgrading of an existing electrical transmission line for the purpose of increasing the capacity of such transmission line in the Southern California Edison Company validly issued Eldorado-Lugo Transmission Line right-of-way and Mojave-Lugo Transmission Line right-of-way, or in a right-of-way if issued, granted, or permitted by the Secretary adjacent to the existing Mojave-Lugo Transmission Line right-of-way (hereafter in this section referred to as "adjacent right-of-way"), including construction of a replacement transmission line: *Provided*, That—

(A) in the Eldorado-Lugo Transmission Line rights-of-way (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Eldorado rights-of-way") at no time shall there be more than three electrical transmission lines;

(B) in the Mojave-Lugo Transmission Line right-of-way (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Mojave right-of-way") and adjacent right-of-way, removal of the existing electrical transmission line and reclamation of the site shall be completed no later than three years after the date on which construction of the upgraded transmission line begins, after which time there may be only one electrical transmission line

in the lands encompassed by Mojave right-of-way and adjacent right-of-way;

(C) if there are no more than two electrical transmission lines in the Eldorado rights-of-way, two electrical transmission lines in the lands encompassed by the Mojave right-of-way and adjacent right-of-way may be allowed;

(D) in the Eldorado rights-of-way and Mojave right-of-way no additional land shall be issued, granted, or permitted for such upgrade unless an addition would reduce the impacts to preserve resources;

(E) no more than 350 feet of additional land shall be issued, granted, or permitted for an adjacent right-of-way to the south of the Mojave right-of-way unless a greater addition would reduce the impacts to preserve resources; and

(F) such upgrade activities, including helicopter aided construction, shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on preserve resources.

(3) The Secretary shall prepare within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this title, in consultation with the Southern California Edison Company, plans for emergency access by the Southern California Edison Company to its rights-of-way.

(b)(1) Nothing in this title shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued right-of-way, or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities in such right-of-way; prohibiting the upgrading of and construction on existing facilities in such right-of-way for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the existing pipeline; or prohibiting the renewal of such right-of-way issued, granted, or permitted to the Southern California Gas Company, its successors or assigns, which is located on lands included in the Mojave National Preserve, but outside lands designated as wilderness under section 601(a)(3). Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on preserve resources.

(2) The Secretary shall prepare within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this title, in consultation with the Southern California Gas Company, plans for emergency access by the Southern California Gas Company to its rights-of-way.

(c) Nothing in this title shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued right-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities of existing facilities issued, granted, or permitted for communications cables or lines, which are located on lands included in the Mojave National Preserve, but outside lands designated as wilderness under section 601(a)(3). Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on preserve resources.

(d) Nothing in this title shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued right-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities of existing facilities issued, granted, or permitted to Molybdenum Corporation of America; Molycorp, Incorporated; or Union Oil Company of California (d/b/a Unocal Corporation); or its successors or assigns, or prohibiting renewal of such right-of-way, which is located on lands included in the Mojave National Preserve, but outside lands designated as wilderness under section 601(a)(3). Such activities shall be conducted in a manner which will minimize the impact on preserve resources.

07 OTHER

Mojave National Preserve

COTTONWOOD SPRING (S013298)

Other Supporting Information

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Note to File

Date: May 20, 2024
From: Alexa Kreiling, WRB Water Rights Research Assistant
File: MOJA Technical Report
Subject: Other Supporting Information
Water Resources Scoping Report, Mojave National Preserve, 1999

National Park Service. 1999. Water Resources Scoping Report, Mojave National Preserve. NPS/NRWRD/NRTR-99/225. National Park Service, Water Resources Division. Fort Collins, Colorado
IRMA – Data Store – Published Report – (Code: 2174498)
DataStore - Water Resources Scoping Report, Mojave National Preserve (nps.gov)

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.

July 30, 1999

SHORT NOTE TRANSMITTAL

To: Eric Lord, NPS

From: Rob Nauert, BLM

Subject: History of Federal Reserved Water Rights in Mojave Nat'l Preserve and Death Valley Nat'l Park

Per our discussion, I've reviewed the list of Federal reserved water rights you fax'ed to me yesterday. Our records reveal the following:

Mojave Nat'l Preserve

1. Basalt Spring, Van Winkle Spring, Woods [Mountain] Spring, South Hackberry Spring, and Arrowweed Spring are all Public Water Reserve 107 withdrawals that were initiated on December 28, 1971 under the authority of Executive Order of April 17, 1926. The serial number BLM assigned to these PWR 107 "interpretations" is R-259.

2. There is no PWR 107 designation on our records for Upper Dad Spring, Sheep Spring and Finger Rock Spring. Having not seen the paperwork that BLM sent to the State of California identifying these as Federal reserved water rights, I am making the assumption that these rights were asserted on the basis of the Secretarial Order of January 13, 1981 designating the East Mojave National Scenic Area. The Scenic Area designation essentially established the fact that these federal lands were reserved for a specific use and, hence, is sufficient to assert federal reserved water rights in these springs for a sufficient quantity to carry out the purposes of the "reservation".

3. There is no PWR 107 designation on our records for Cottonwood Spring and Piute Spring. Our records show that the legal description of the location of these springs is on lands that were withdrawn pursuant to Public Land Order 5224 of July 5, 1972, for the protection of recreation and public values. Accordingly, absent the paperwork sent to the State, I am assuming the Federal reserved water rights were asserted on the basis of the purposes of the federal reservation, e.g., withdrawal.

4. The legal description for Goldstone Spring does not exist on our records. This is a partial township and the entire west half of Section 31 does not exist in T. 10 N., R. 14 E., SBM.

5. Two springs listed with "S" numbers, Negro Mine Spring and Goldfish Tank Spring, are on lands included in PWR 107 designations on our records. I'm assuming an "S" means this is an appropriative right granted by the State of California. Either BLM and/or the State records are in error, BLM erroneously obtained a State water right when it could have asserted a Federal reserved water right, or BLM chose to obtain a State appropriative right for greater protection of the water source.

6. Finally, there are 3 areas on our records identified as PWR 107 withdrawals that do not show up on the list you fax'ed to me. These are as follows:

a. Cornfield Spring (Serial No. R-259) identified on August 6, 1971 and affecting the NWSW of Section 12, T. 10 N., R. 13 E., SBM.

b. Two unnamed areas determined on March 15, 1929 by Secretarial Interpretation #85 as meeting PWR 107 criteria and affecting the W1/2SE1/4 of Section 8, and the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 18, T. 8 N., R. 13 E., SBM.

Death Valley Nat'l Park

1. Federal reserved water rights for Saline Well were asserted on the basis of a PWR 107 interpretation noted on our records on September 23, 1971 (Serial No. R-259 C). Actually, this PWR notation encompassed the SESE of Section 21, SWSW of Section 22, and the NENE of Section 28 in addition to the NWNW of Section 27. However, our records also show that this PWR was apparently "desegregated", e.g. eliminated, on April 26, 1982 but the official document terminating the PWR is missing from our records. We are attempting to recover it. This may be a situation where NPS may want to re-evaluate the water source on the ground and re-establish a PWR 107 right, or seek an appropriative right from the State.

Docket Information

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