

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, William L. Searle, a married

man dealing with my sole and separate property of Lake Forest, Illinois, have made, constituted

and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Stewart R. Wilson, of Elko

County, Nevada, my true and lawful attorney, to act on my behalf as follows:

1. To execute all documents necessary to convey, transfer and assign a 99.5% interest in all real property (except mineral rights), water rights, range rights, livestock, equipment and other miscellaneous personal property which I will acquire from the dissolution of Maggie Creek Ranch, Inc., a Nevada corporation, to Maggie Creek Ranch LP, a Delaware limited partnership.

2. To execute all documents necessary to convey, transfer and assign a .5% interest in all real property (except mineral rights), water rights, range rights, livestock, equipment and other miscellaneous personal property which I will acquire from the dissolution of Maggie Creek Ranch, Inc., a Nevada corporation, to Maggie Creek Ranch LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

3. To execute all documents necessary to convey and assign all mineral rights and mineral leases which I will acquire from the dissolution of Maggie Creek Ranch, Inc., a Nevada corporation, to Marion S. Searle, Elizabeth S. Reichert and Louise S. Klarr.

This power of attorney shall be binding on my heirs, executors and administrators

and shall remain in force up to the time of the receipt by my said attorney of a written revocation

signed by me.

Any action taken in good faith pursuant to the foregoing authority after my death,

but without actual knowledge of it, shall likewise be binding upon my heirs, executors and

administrators.

This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or

incapacity, whether temporary or permanent.

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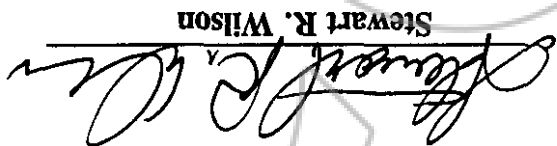
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney in

State Forest Illinois, this 17th day of December 1997



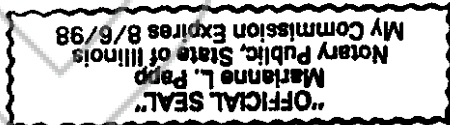
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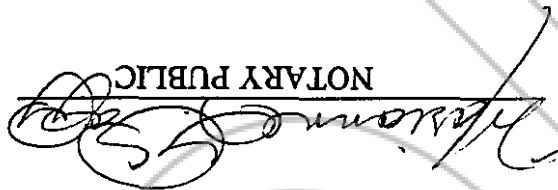
I hereby accept the foregoing appointment as Attorney-In-Fact for the above principal upon all of the stated terms and conditions.

  
Stewart R. Wilson

STATE OF Illinois,  
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) ss. )  
) COUNTY OF Lake )

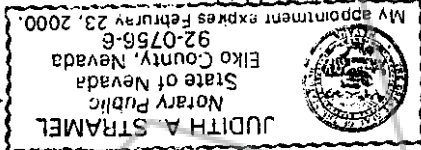
On December 17th, 1997, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, William G. Seale, personally known (or proved) to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that he/she executed the above instrument.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF NEVADA,  
)  
) ss. )  
) COUNTY OF ELKO )

On December 24, 1997, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, Stewart R. Wilson, personally known (or proved) to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that he executed the above instrument.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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STATE OF NEVADA  
COUNTY OF ELKO ) SS.  
JERRY D. REYNOLDS, the duly elected and  
qualified Recorder of Elko County, in the State of  
Nevada, do hereby certify that this is a true, full  
and correct copy of the instrument now on record  
in this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my  
office, in Elko, Nevada this  
day of December, A.D. 1997  
JERRY D. REYNOLDS, COUNTY RECORDER  
*[Signature]*

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