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I am an oil painter living in Taos County, NM. I have a fine art gallery representation in the town of Taos, which includes images of my work on the gallery website. Over the summer I expect to have enough sales to fund my own website. My plans for the future include reproductions, probably gicleés, of my work, which will increase my income very much.

I'm sure you know that my images can be copied off the websites and re-marketed without my permission or knowledge. I can't make a specific estimate of the costs to me, but if I have to pay to register my work with several different private for-profit groups, I simply won't be able to do it. I can't tell you how much I will resent having my hard work stolen by anyone who hasn't paid me in any way. This will also prevent me from licensing it, should I decide to.

At the moment I can't validate any costs to me. I am not a "commercial" artist in the sense that I do illustrations for book covers, advertising, postcards (though this may be a future use) or any other uses beyond reproductions as specified in the first paragraph. Any use of my images taken from the internet or anywhere else with out my written permission will, however, devalue my originals.