

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM  
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: A27-04001A  
Date Received: / /  
Receipt No: M003478  
Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

COPY FOR  
YOUR FILES

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT  
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

COPY FOR  
YOUR FILES

1. Name: ROLAND C RICH 208-684-4737  
Address: 1195 W 600 S  
PINGREE ID 83262  
OR  
Name: VIOLET B RICH 208-684-4755  
Address: 1213 W 600 S  
PINGREE ID 83262

2. Date of Priority: JUN 1, 1952

3. Source: INDIAN SPRINGS Trib. to: SNAKE RIVER

4. Point of Diversion:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 of | 1/4 of | 1/4 of | Lot | County  |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE     | NE     | NE     | 9   | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | NE     | NE     | 10  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | NE     | SE     | SE     | 11  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | SE     | SE     | 12  | BINGHAM |

5. Description of diverting works:  
SPRINGS

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

| Purpose          | From  | To    | C.F.S  | (or) | A.F.A. |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| FISH PROPAGATION | 01/01 | 12/31 | 41.100 |      |        |

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:  
41.100 C.F.S. (and/or) A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:

10. Place of Use:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 | of | 1/4 | Lot | Use  | Acres |
|----------|-------|---------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE  |    | NE  | 9   | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE  |    | NE  | 10  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | NE  |    | SE  | 11  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE  |    | SE  | 12  | FISH |       |

11. Place of use in counties: BINGHAM

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? YES

13. Other Water Rights Used:  
A27-07013 & A27-07020

14. Remarks:  
THIS CLAIM WAS RENUMBERED FROM A27-04001 7/31/97 GJT.

15. Basis of Claim: STATUTORY CLAIM

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM  
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

RENUMBERED: A27-04001A

Ident. Number: ~~A27-04001~~

Date Received: 7/31/97

Receipt No: 11003478

Received By: BAS

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT  
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

1. Name: VIOLET B. RICH 208-684-4755  
Address: 1213 W 600 S  
PINGREE, ID 83262

OR

Name: ROLAND C. RICH 208-684-4737  
Address: 1195 W 600 S  
PINGREE, ID 83262

2. Date of Priority: JUN 01, 1952

3. Source: INDIAN SPRINGS Trib. to: SNAKE RIVER

4. Point of Diversion:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 of | 1/4 of | 1/4 | Lot | County  |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE     | NE     |     | 9   | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | NE     |     | 10  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | NE     | SE     |     | 11  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | SE     |     | 12  | BINGHAM |

5. Description of diverting works:  
SPRINGS

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

| Purpose          | From  | To    | C.F.S. | (or) | A.F.A. |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| FISH PROPAGATION | 01/01 | 12/31 | 41.100 |      |        |

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:  
41.100 C.F.S. (and/or) A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:

A27-04001

Page 1

Date: 05/09/89

MICROFILMED  
NOV 12 1992

10. Place of Use:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 of | 1/4 | Lot | Use  | Acres |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE     | NE  | 9   | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE     | NE  | 10  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | NE     | SE  | 11  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE     | SE  | 12  | FISH |       |

11. Place of use in counties: BINGHAM

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? YES

13. Other Water Rights Used:  
PER 27-7013 & 27-7020.

14. Remarks:

15. Basis of Claim: STATUTORY CLAIM

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do        do not        wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

~~MICROFILMED~~  
~~NOV 12 1982~~

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM  
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM.

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number: A27-04001  
Date Received:  
Receipt No: M003478  
Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT  
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

1. Name: VIOLET B. RICH 208-684-4755  
Address: 1213 W 600 S  
PINGREE, ID 83262  
OR  
Name: ROLAND C. RICH 208-684-4737  
Address: 1195 W 600 S  
PINGREE, ID 83262

2. Date of Priority: JUN 01, 1952

3. Source: INDIAN SPRINGS Trib. to: SNAKE RIVER

4. Point of Diversion:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 of | 1/4 of | 1/4 of | Lot | County  |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE     | NE     | NE     | 9   | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | NE     |        | 10  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | NE     | SE     |        | 11  | BINGHAM |
|          |       |         | SE     | SE     |        | 12  | BINGHAM |

5. Description of diverting works:  
SPRINGS

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

| Purpose          | From  | To    | C.F.S. | (or) | A.F.A. |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| FISH PROPAGATION | 01/01 | 12/31 | 41.100 |      |        |

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:  
41.100 C.F.S. (and/or) A.F.A.

8. Total consumptive use is Acre Feet Per Annum.

9. Non-irrigation uses:

10. Place of Use:

| Township | Range | Section | 1/4 of | 1/4 | Lot | Use  | Acres |
|----------|-------|---------|--------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 03S      | 34E   | 31      | NE     | NE  | 9   | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE     | NE  | 10  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | NE     | SE  | 11  | FISH |       |
|          |       |         | SE     | SE  | 12  | FISH |       |

11. Place of use in counties: BINGHAM

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? YES

13. Other Water Rights Used:  
A27-07013 & A27-07020

14. Remarks:

15. Basis of Claim: STATUTORY CLAIM

16. Signature(s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments: \_\_\_\_\_

For Individuals:

I/We do solemnly swear or affirm that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Signature of Claimant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Idaho )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Seal

Residing at \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED

JAN 07 1999

Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Ernie Carlsen

**FROM:** Sharla Curtis

**DATE:** December 31, 1998

**RE:** Claim 27-04001A and Overlapping Rights 27-07013/07020

Ernie, attached is a breakdown of how the facility volume was developed under a total of three rights for which adjudication claims have been filed. The two permits were just reviewed for licensing and in order to accurately describe the facility volume for each as it was developed, I reviewed maps and diagrams that were submitted with the statutory claim and the applications when they were filed. I also looked at maps and diagrams that were attached to the field reports and compared them with other data later collected by Keith Wilson. After a lengthy process, I linked everything together and the attached materials reflect my efforts.

I'm sending this stuff to you because I thought it may help with the claims review process by saving time and effort on the part of your agents not having to duplicate the effort and spending considerable time laying the whole thing out again.

If you need copies of any other documentation we have in our permit files, let me know. The total facility volume and individual pond volumes were calculated from individual information sheets listing the length and width of the ponds/raceways. These sheets appear to have been collected by Keith Wilson. So if you don't have copies available at your office, I'd be glad to send them to you.

December 1982 – Deed of distribution from Leva Hoge (representative of Leva Rich) to Myrthon and Roland Rich (Lots 9-12, Section 31 and other lots not part of the permits' places of use) – this deed appears to be a moot point since the property had already been deeded as a gift in June 1970

February 1994 – Lease between Leva Rich and Idaho Springs Trout (a division of Thousand Springs Trout Farms Inc.) expires

January/February 1997 – flood wiped out most of the outlets and silted in a lot of the ponds. Keith Wilson told me in a phone conversation 12/16/98 that it's going to take a considerable amount of time and effort to reconstruct the system and an extension of time to avoid forfeiture will no doubt be filed soon since last use appears to be the summer of 1994.

June 1998 – Change of Ownership form filed in Snake River Basin Adjudication from Aqua Life to Roland Rich

August 1998 – Letter from Greg Taylor to Roland and Violet Rich notifying them that the claims were changed back to Aqua Life as they had been filed – stated that Aqua Life claims they don't have the property but still own the water rights

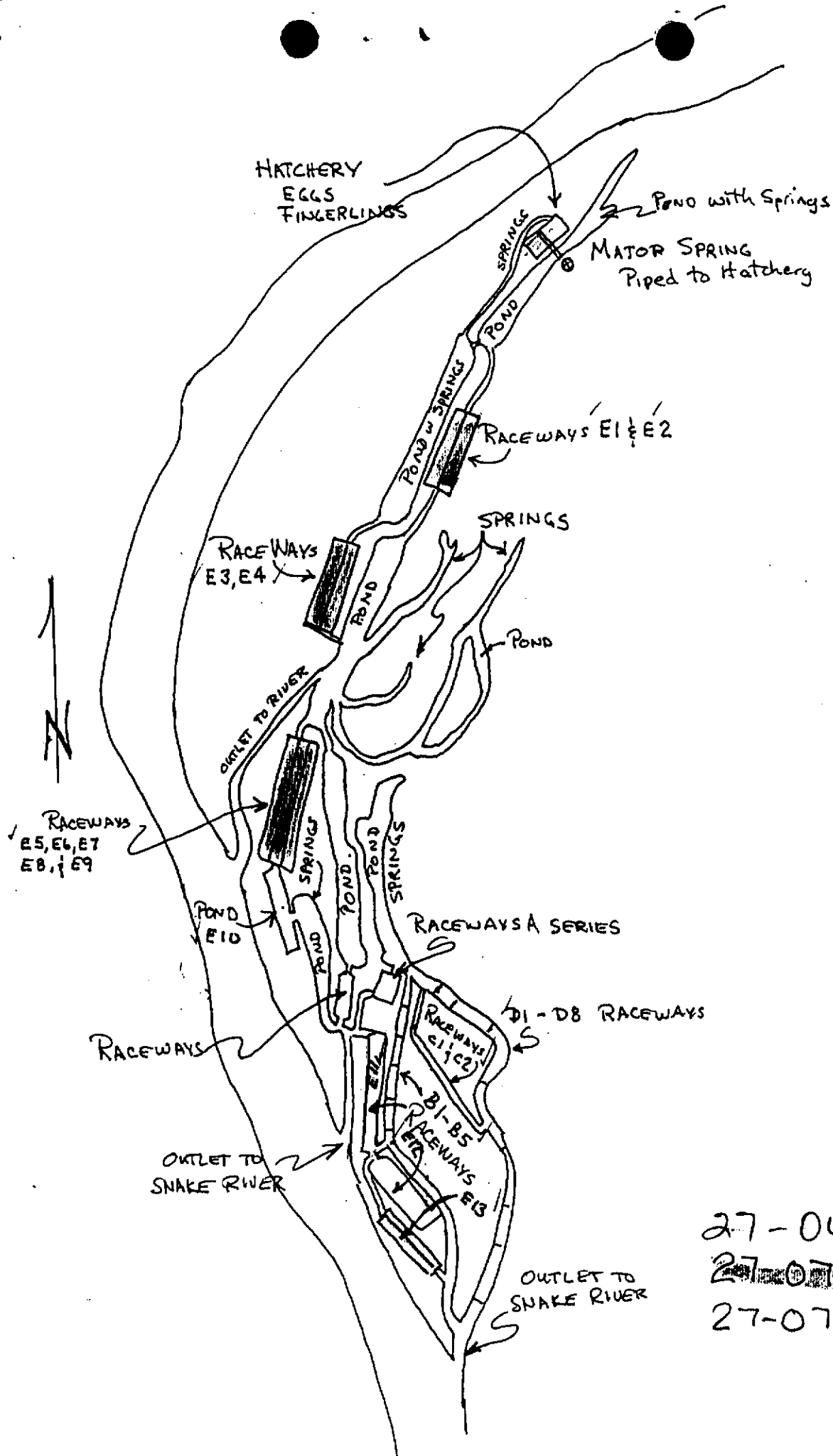
The permits are in the name of Thousand Springs Trout Farms Inc.; none of the deeds, etc. submitted are acceptable to change the name on the permits. A license for 27-07013 should be issued; the Snake River Basin Adjudication staff can then do what they think is appropriate as to ownership change(s).

The facility volume was calculated based on the pond information sheets. The numbering system on these sheets is slightly different from the 1977 examiner's diagram and other maps outlining the raceways. But all the diagrams correspond with one another and only the physical numbering differs from one map/diagram to another. Per a discussion with Keith Wilson, an average depth of seven (7) feet was used to calculate the facility volume as follows:

| Pond #   | Cubic Feet | Pond #   | Cubic Feet | Pond #       | Cubic Feet     |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| A1       | 1764       | A15(E12) | 6552       | D2           | 46,200         |
| A2(E5)   | 2078       | A16(E13) | 6552       | D3           | 47,957         |
| A3(E6)   | 2078       | B1       | 16,422     | D4           | 44,702         |
| A4(E7)   | 2078       | B2       | 19,320     | D5           | 30,968         |
| A5(E8)   | 2078       | B3       | 17,976     | D6           | 31,185         |
| A6(E9)   | 2078       | B4       | 18,480     | D7           | 31,185         |
| A11(E10) | 3927       | B5       | 21,168     | D8           | 49,518         |
| A12(E11) | 3927       | C1       | 27,489     | E1           | 124,740        |
| A13(E3)  | 8190       | C2       | 93,380     | E2           | 130,410        |
| A14(E4)  | 8190       | D1       | 32,928     |              |                |
|          |            |          |            | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>833,520</b> |

27-04001  
-07013  
-07020





27-04001  
 27-07013  
 27-07020



State of Idaho  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

900 N. Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-1718 - (208) 525-7161 - Fax (208) 525-7177

EASTERN REGION

PHILIP E. BATT  
GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER  
DIRECTOR

July 31, 1997

ROLAND/VIOLET RICH  
1195 W 600 S  
PINGREE ID 83262

Re: Notice of Claim No. A27-04001(A)

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rich:

The Department has changed the identification number for the Notice of Claim A27-04001. The new number is A27-04001A.

A copy of the Notice of Claim is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Taylor  
Sr. Water Agent, Adjudications

Enclosures: Notice A27-04001A

cc:file

# EXHIBIT D (page 1)

## R PLAIN, IDAHO

r table has risen only about  
an and that recently there

alt; but, unlike that under  
t does not occur entirely in  
instead, many of the flows  
is much as 500 feet thick,  
iver, as shown in figure 10.  
e, and therefore the water  
along the contacts. They  
apes from them in the form  
y.

## CHARACTER

to of which are among the  
grouped along the margins  
ded by the American Falls  
in the basalt of the Snake  
from the Snake River and  
it during irrigations, move  
ed through the numerous  
s, especially between Milner  
ning the lava-filled channels  
the water and delivering it  
ription (pp. 65-85). Many  
abeyments termed "spring  
eps along this section of the  
ation began and derive their  
a nearby projects. General  
and the origin of the spring  
ptions of individual springs  
downstream.

l springs there are numerous  
citable data regarding these  
y of these springs can, with  
ated to faulting. The Mud  
er of both cold and thermal  
oming report on that region  
ata regarding the hot springs  
sia County,<sup>92</sup> and in Camas  
's published accounts. The

reek Basin, Cassia County, Idaho: Idaho  
irie, Camas and Elmore Counties, Idaho

## SPRINGS IN THE FORT HALL BOTTOMS

137

Descriptions of tributary valleys at the end of this report include data  
on springs within them.

## SPRINGS IN THE FORT HALL BOTTOMS

### GENERAL FEATURES AND DISCHARGE

Springs rise at intervals for a distance of 10 miles or more along the  
Fort Hall bottoms and adjacent to the Portneuf River near its mouth.  
Most of these springs rise on the valley floor at heights of 10 to 15

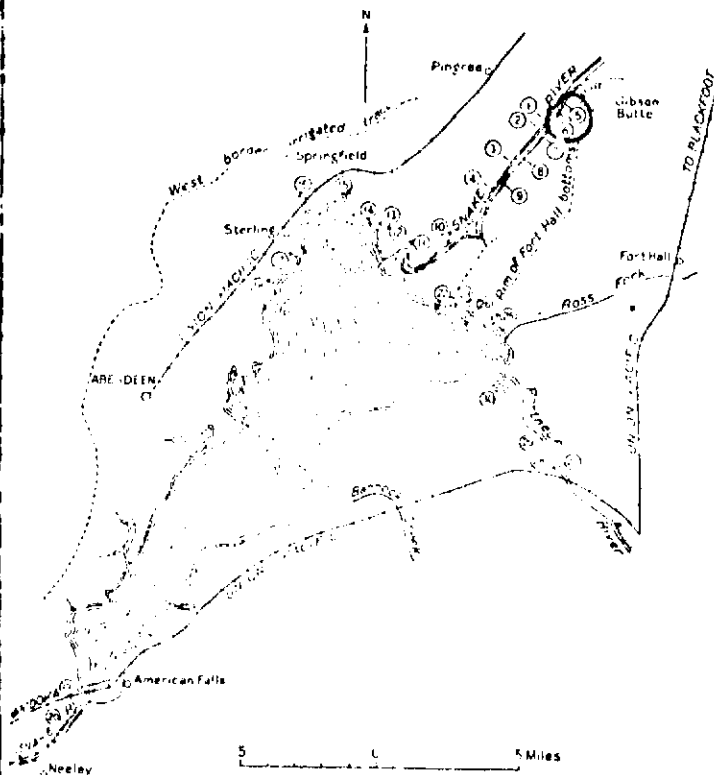


FIG. 11.—Sketch map showing the location of spring-measuring stations in the vicinity of the American Falls Reservoir. (See table, p. 138, for explanation of numbers.)

above the river. They have a fairly uniform aggregate discharge  
about 1,400 second-feet, and most of them issue from basalt which  
underlies the alluvium in this area. The flow and the names of 30  
the larger springs in the vicinity of the American Falls Reservoir  
are given below. The location of the stations where the flow from  
the springs was measured is shown in figure 11. Additional details

SEE MICROFILME WATER RIGHT RECORDS

# EXHIBIT D (Page 2)

## 138 GROUND WATER OF SNAKE RIVER PLAIN, IDAHO

will be found on plate 19. Most of the stations are on creeks formed from a series of springs that are known under a common name.

*Mean discharge, in second-feet, of springs in the vicinity of American Falls Reservoir, Idaho*

| No. on fig. 11 | Name         | Discharge | No. on fig. 11 | Name           | Discharge |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1              | Rich         | 18.8      | 16             | Artesian       | 3.1       |
| 2              | Johannes     | 7.2       | 17             | Sterling       | 1.2       |
| 3              | Thorn        | 20.2      | 18             | Colburn        | 1.2       |
| 4              | Log Cabin    | 34.9      | 19             | Ruger          | 2.9       |
| 5              | Indian No. 1 | 4.4       | 20             | Davis          | .....     |
| 6              | Indian No. 2 | 21.4      | 21             | Franklin       | .....     |
| 7              | Indian No. 3 | 14.5      | 22             | Big Jimmy      | 10.4      |
| 8              | Indian No. 4 | 3.8       | 23             | Big Spring     | 40.4      |
| 9              | Indian No. 5 | 19.3      | 24             | Kinney         | 2.1       |
| 10             | Pyle         | 11.0      | 25             | Clear          | 1.7       |
| 11             | McTucker     | 29.4      | 26             | Ford           | 7.4       |
| 12             | Hull         | 7.1       | 27             | Pocatello City | .....     |
| 13             | Tanner       | 2.2       | 28             | Batise         | 2.4       |
| 14             | Crystal      | 32.8      | 29             | Fish Hatchery  | 7.7       |
| 15             | Danielson    | 51.1      | 30             | Wide           | 40.2      |

On September 14, 1925, Batise Spring, on the west side of the Portneuf River about 4 miles northwest of Pocatello, discharged about 50 second-feet,<sup>44</sup> and the Fish Hatchery Springs, about 1½ miles downstream from Batise Spring, about 75 second-feet.<sup>45</sup> Wide Creek, which is among the largest of the spring-fed streams in this area, a tributary to the Portneuf River from the south, had an average discharge during 1926 of 60 second-feet at a point near the center of the W½ sec. 26, T. 5 S., R. 33 E.<sup>46</sup> The largest spring-fed tributary to the Portneuf River is Big Spring Creek, which had an average discharge of 442 second-feet of spring water during the irrigation season of 1926 at a point in the SW¼ sec. 9, T. 5 S., R. 33 E.<sup>47</sup> This stream rises in spring pools on the south side of Gibson Butte and flows into the Portneuf River from the north. Clear Creek, also spring-fed, had an average discharge during 1926 of 120 second-feet at a point in the SW¼ sec. 11, T. 5 S., R. 33 E.<sup>48</sup> This stream flows into Reservoir Fork and thence into the Portneuf. Ford Creek is a tributary to Clear Creek from the west and has an average flow of about 7 second-feet. Another spring-fed tributary to the Portneuf from the north is Kinney Creek, which had a discharge of about 28 second-feet during 1926 at a point near the center of sec. 15, T. 5 S., R. 33 E.

The ground-water contours (pl. 19) indicate that the springs bordering the Fort Hall bottoms should be divided into two groups. Batise Spring, Fish Hatchery Spring, and Wide Creek, in the Portneuf Valley form one group, and Big Spring Creek, Clear Creek, and Kinney Creek, the waters of which come from the valley of the Snake River north and east of Fort Hall, form the other group.

<sup>44</sup> Meinzer, O. F., Large springs in the United States: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 557, p. 12, 1927.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 52.

<sup>46</sup> Smith, T. R., Hydrometric report on the American Falls Reservoir area for 1926 (unpublished report, U. S. Bur. Reclamation, American Falls, Idaho, 1927).

## SPRINGS IN

In addition to these springs by 13 springs in the Aberdeen springs issue from the basalt from under the irrigated area the Snake River. At most by the American Falls lake.

The Portneuf and the Snake springs and by inflow rising location of the larger of these are given in figure 11. The Blackfoot River and American has a total gain, exclusive of of about 2,500 second-feet, 1

The origin of the springs about 1,400 second-feet, or been variously attributed down the valley of the Portneuf drainage basin of that stream: (1) from the drainage foot River; (2) precipitation; (3) underflow along the Snake. This analysis is made of the possible sources.

## POSSIBLE SUPPLY

The average annual run for the years 1920 to 1927 of 0.26 foot over its study of the records for the Creek leads to the conclusion that, on the average, the average run of streams in the same period foot. The smaller relative thus indicated may be as through the springs near the of 0.06 foot over the Portneuf about 49,500 acre-feet, or of of the springs in the Fort Hall.

A possibility of a slight error in the flow of the Blackfoot River is flowing in the canyon of the Snake River Valley in a canyon gaging stations measuring ground water moving past might not be measured at

<sup>47</sup> Smith, T. R., op. cit.

27 4001

NOV 13 1906

Exhibit E

STATE OF IDAHO       )  
                              :   SS  
COUNTY OF BINGHAM   )

Mrs. Leva Rich, of Route #1, Pingree, Idaho being first  
duly sworn on her oath, deposes and says:

That she is personally familiar and has been for many years  
with the property in Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Sec. 31, T.  
3S., R.34E., and with the many large springs which have  
become known as Indian Springs that arise on the property.  
The property was bought from the Indians by my father-in-law,  
H.C.C. Rich in the early 1900's.

The area was used for stock grassing, hunting and fishing.  
In about 1952 the land then under my control was leased by  
a Mr. Ralph Nelson. In that year and in 1953 and 1954  
he constructed a series of ponds to raise fish commercially.  
These ponds are in use now and are being used for fish  
propagation by Mr. William Connell on what has become known  
as Indian Spring Trout Ranch.

Mrs. Leva Rich  
MRS. LEVA RICH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1970.

Edna B. Capps  
Notary Public residing in Boise, Idaho

My Commission Expires:

1 - 31 - 74

27 4071

~~NOV 13 1995~~

Exhibit F

STATE OF IDAHO       )  
                          :   SS  
COUNTY OF BINGHAM   )

Mr. Roland C. Rich of Route 1, Pingree, Idaho, being first  
duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he is personally familiar with the springs and land  
west of Ferry Butte that has become known as Indian Springs  
Trout Ranch. My grandfather, father, and mother have all  
owned the land.

I personally observed the development of the ground into  
a trout ranch by Mr. Ralph Nelson starting in about 1952.  
Although Mr. Nelson has left the property, the raising  
of fish has continued to date, for the most part in ponds  
constructed by Mr. Nelson in 1952, 1953, and 1954.

Roland C. Rich

ROLAND C. RICH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1970.

Mark E. Jackson

Notary Public residing in Boise, Idaho

My Commission Expires: 10-10-71

27 40:1

~~NOTARY PUBLIC~~  
~~NOT 19 1998~~

Exhibit G

STATE OF IDAHO       )  
                          :       SS  
COUNTY OF BINGHAM    )

Mr. William A. Clough of Blackfoot, Idaho, being first duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he is personally familiar with the spring located on the property owned by the Rich family west of Ferry Butte, which are generally known as Indian Springs.

I observed the springs being developed as early as 1952 for commercial fish production. I have visited the property many times since 1952 and have observed on many occasions, and as late as 1970, fish being raised commercially. The fish are for the most part raised in a series of ponds that were first constructed by a Mr. Ralph Nelson in about 1952 through 1954.

William A. Clough  
WILLIAM A. CLOUGH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 1970.

William A. Clough  
Notary Public residing in Boise, Idaho

My Commission Expires:

Jan. 31, 1974.

27 40 1  
HUN 13 1970

Exhibit H

STATE OF IDAHO     )  
                      :     SS  
COUNTY OF POWER    )

Mr. Kenneth Hoskins of American Falls, Idaho, being first duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

That he is personally familiar with the springs located on the property owned by the Rich family west of Ferry Butte, and the business operated on that land known as Nelson Trout Ranch, Pingree, Idaho, and now known as Indian Springs Trout Farm.

Before my employment at the Nelson Trout Ranch in May 1959, I was employed by the Meader Trout Farm, Pocatello, Idaho (now known as Papoose Springs Trout Farm) for several years. I have a good working knowledge of trout rearing, feeding, sorting for market, selection for brood fish, spawn-taking, water control, carrying capacity of ponds, temperature effects, and requirements for successful transportation of trout and such other skills as are required in this type of business. I am a competent and capable fish hatcheryman.

While working at the Nelson Trout Ranch, 6,000 ounces (1.5 million) trout eggs were cared for in each trough in the hatchery until ready for shipping. A total of 12 million eggs were cared for in the several troughs at a single time. Eyed trout egg sales during the six month 1960-1961 season were over 40 million eggs. Up to 4 million trout were hatched in a season and reared to a size of 2 to 3 inches in the 28 fry and fingerling runs located near the spawning shed. This is shown as area C on the attached map marked Exhibit I.

27 4001

~~NOV 13 1960~~

The accompanying map indicates areas and water sources used by the Nelson Trout Ranch and the pounds of fish held at one time during the 1960-1961 season. Time span covered twelve months from August of 1960 to August of 1961. Figures on the map in pounds of fish being held total almost 400,000 pounds. This includes brood fish, market fish, and fingerlings for the following year's crop.

At the time of my employment, the hatchery facility was capable of handling 500,000 pounds of live trout at one time in the ponds, water sources, and facilities used by the trout farm.

Kenneth J. Hoskins

KENNETH HOSKINS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1970.

Ben Carver

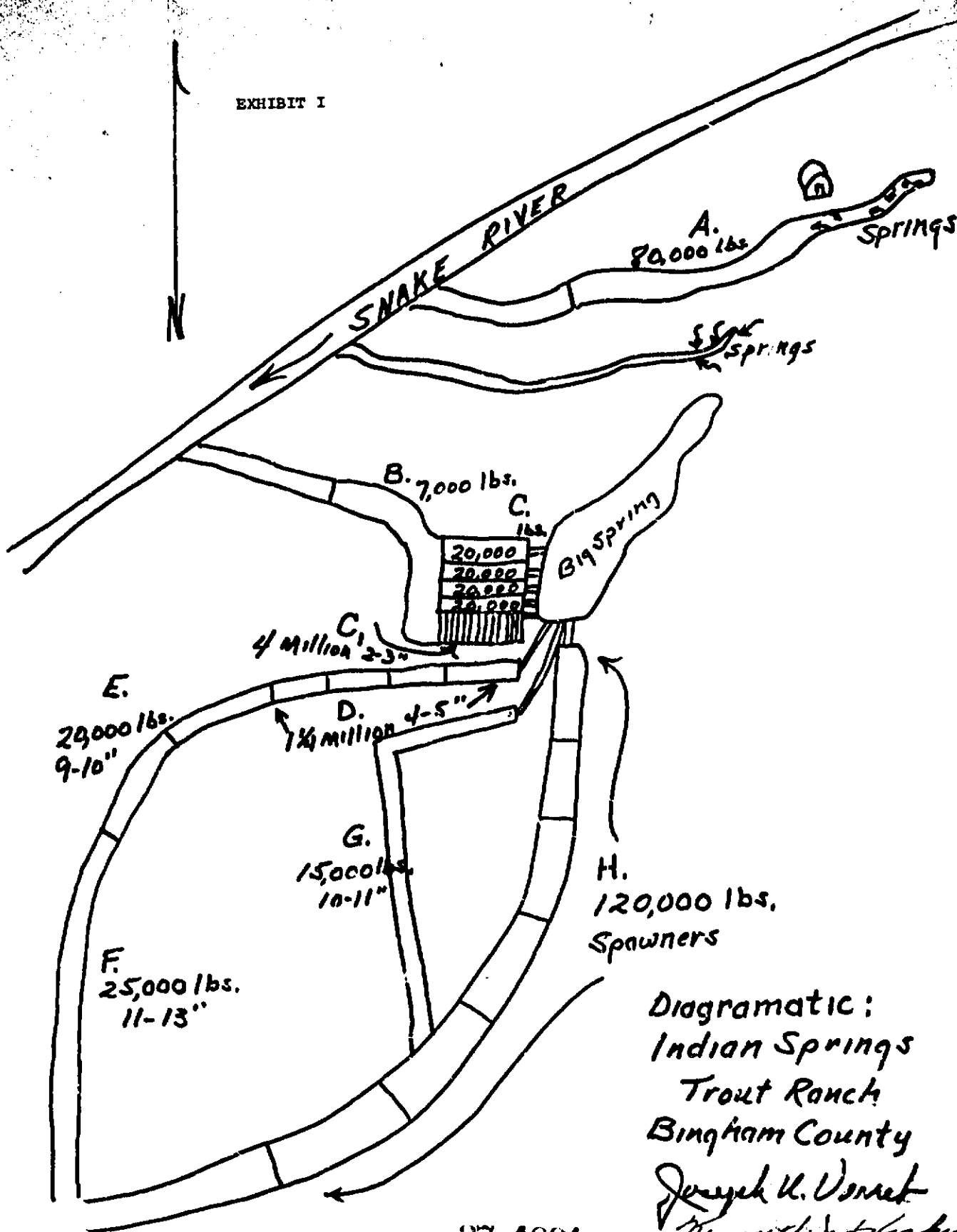
Notary Public residing in Am. Falls Idaho  
Idaho.

My commission expires November 5, 1973

27 3001

~~NOV 13 1970~~

EXHIBIT I



Diagrammatic:  
Indian Springs  
Trout Ranch  
Bingham County

Joseph H. Vernet  
Kenneth & Harbin

27 4001

NOV 1996