

Concerning the use of Henry and Taylor Creek water.

I am Robert Hoff son of J. Mark Hoff, deceased 1967, co-owner of a farm known as Rainbow Ranch

SE. of Idaho Falls, Idaho. As I was born May 1941 my memory of irrigation on the farm really starts at about 1950. The farm was converted to a cattle operation in 1951 with most of the lower land put into irrigated pasture instead of crops. With the exception of the land lying below the ditch run south from the "Hillside" canal and North of Taylor Creek all was irrigated with the creeks. That may have been irrigated also as there is an abandoned ditch running parallel to Henry creek still visible. Henry Creek had a flow of several hundred inches for the early part of the irrigation season but tended to go dry necessitating the use of canal water. Taylor Creek would have a lesser flow but a more continuous level lasting the whole season. Diversion points for the lower land were at the mouth of Henry Creek and on Taylor Creek at several points as it crossed the farm.

The bench, upper land, was irrigated from diversion point's upstream flowing out on the highest land for Taylor Creek and lower down for Henry Creek. A pump was installed in 1953 delivering water up to the bench land for flood irrigation so canal water could be used later in the season. In 1971 a larger pump was put at that location, at the mouth of Taylor Creek, and water was delivered under pressure for sprinkler irrigation. The smaller pump was used for delivery of water to the bench land to the west also and was increased in horsepower to facilitate sprinkler there at that time. Within a few years the upper diversions were discontinued and all the water was pumped up. There are both pictures, records, and physical evidence to corroborate this statement and I swear it to be in the best of my knowledge true. Robert A. Hoff, President of Hoff Brothers Incorporated, owner of Rainbow Ranch. 6/27/2004 signed: 