

5 September 2001

ARKANSAS RANCHES INC
ATTN ALAN CHRISTENSEN
8450 S BOB SMITH RD
LAVA HOT SPRINGS ID 83246

10/9/01 Met w/ Danner Christensen.
Visited POH (Somo) Discussed this
Letter and meanings. He Authorizes
an Enlarg... Claim for 168
- 57

111 ac.

Re: RESULTS OF FIELD EXAM 8/16/01

Dear Mr. Christensen;

Thank you for taking the time from your busy farming practice to tour me around and explain your operation, particularly the water rights usage. In review of the water rights, as decreed, I find that the rights are decreed for a total of 57.0 acres. Your claims, however, claim a total of 168.0 acres. This, of course, excludes 29-00216, which is claimed separately and claims only 3.0 acres, as decreed.

A tabulation of the recorded decreed water rights follows;

Right #	Decree #	Priority	Quantity (cfs)	Acre Limit
29-00004	142	1909-June 1	0.20	10.0
29-00005	144	1913-June 1	0.10	5.0
29-00006	159 pt.	1909-July 1	0.20	22.0*
29-00007	157	1910-April 15	0.20	10.0
29-00203	149	1911-May 1	0.14	10.0
			0.84	57.0 limited by Tx #1572
29-00221	159 pt.	1914-July 1	0.16	22.0*
29-00222	159 pt.	1917-July 1	0.04	22.0*
29-00223	159 pt.	1918-July 1	0.04	22.0*
			1.08	57.0

* Limited to 22.0 acres, by decree.

111⁰ ac

Regarding water rights claims; A29-00004, A29-00006, A29-00007, A29-00203, A29-11743 (combines 29-00005 and 29-00221), and A29-11745 (combines 29-00222 and 29-00223), a total of 168.0 acres is claimed, the 1932 Decree (as amended) authorizes 57.0 acres; it appears that the water rights are over claimed by some 101.0 acres. A remedy to this situation is for you to file an enlargement claim pursuant to 42-1426 IC for the 101.0 acres not authorized by the decree. An enlargement claim will neither authorize nor allow additional water use but will authorize the use of the 1.08 cfs decreed to your lands to be used on the entire 168.0 acres you have claimed. However, as with all water right claims, a priority date is required. Therefore, should you elect to file the enlargement claim you will need to show documented evidence that the practice of irrigating the entire 168.0 acres was an established practice prior to November 1987. I have enclosed a GIS photo for your use in studying this situation.

BPS shows 100⁰ ac - Enlarg... written for Somo
- 10/16/01
[Signature]

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter. Should you have questions regarding your water rights please feel free to contact me at this office. I look forward to your timely response.

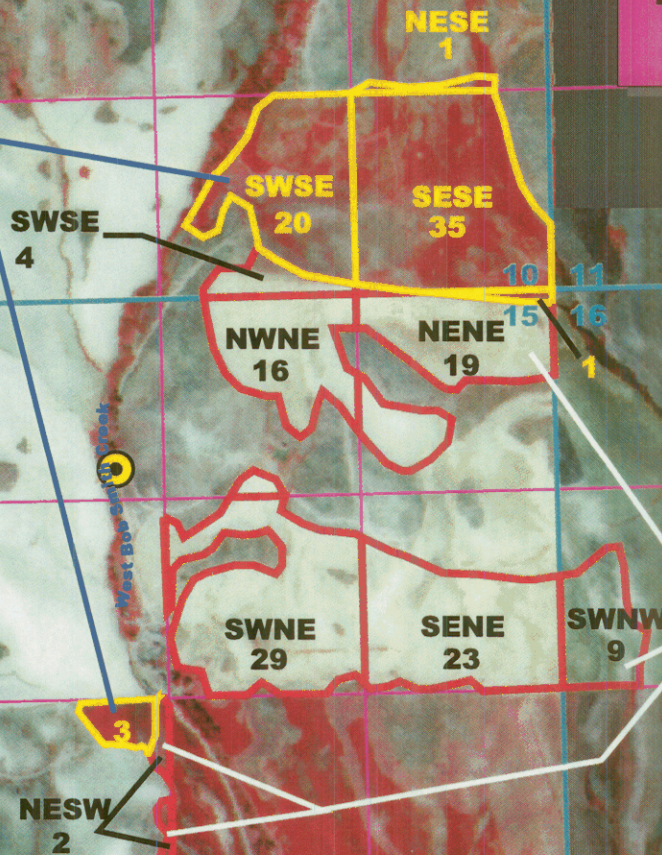
Respectfully submitted,

Allen B. Ruberry
Sr. Water Resource Agent
Adjudication Bureau

T9S, R37E

**Arkansas Ranches Inc.
29-00004, 29-00005,
29-00006, 29-00007,
29-00203, 29-00221,
29-00222, 29-00223**

Decreed acres



Enlargement area/acres