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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

July 27, 2005

Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Id. 83720-0098

Re: Water rights numbers 75-10602 and 75-10603

Attn: Roxanne Brown

Enclosed is all the documentation regarding the original Eldridge, later Ravandal homestead in my possession. I have divided the documents roughly by the appropriate water right although the homestead is viewed as a whole and things like the crop report apply to both rights. I hope this includes all the information you require

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart L. Felton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stuart L. Felton
P.O. Box 26
North Fork, Id. 83466

Enclosures

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Adjudication Claim Report 75-10603

WATER RIGHT NUMBER: 75-10603

Owner Type
Current Owner

Name and Address
STUART L FELTON
PO BOX 2489
PARK CITY, UT 84060
(801)849-8576

Priority Date: 05/01/1887

Basis: Beneficial Use

Status: Active

Source
SPRING

Tributary
NORTH FORK SALMON RIVER

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Annual Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	4/01	to 11/15	0.360 CFS	
	<u>Total Diversion:</u>		0.360 CFS	

Location of Point(s) of Diversion

SPRING	SE 1/4 SW 1/4	Sec. 15, Twp 25N, Rge 21E, B.M.
LEMHI County		
SPRING	SW 1/4 NE 1/4	Sec. 15, Twp 25N, Rge 21E, B.M.
LEMHI County		

Place of UseIRRIGATION Within LEMHI County

T25N R21E S21 SWNE 9.0

Total Acres: 9

Conditions of Approval:Remarks:

2440

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

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APPLICATION UNDER ACT OF JUNE 11, 1906.

THE FORESTER,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

I hereby make application for the examination and listing, under the Act of June 11, 1906, of the

following-described lands in the

Salinas

National Forest,

INDEXED

Seventy-five acres, more or less, of unencumbered land lying on Hughes & North Fort Grants about six miles from the town of Salinas, with boundary lines sufficiently definite to identify the land, so that the examiner may easily locate it. When convenient, submit sketch of the land on the township plat, last page.

Salinas, Co. & tract called 18x20, Blacksmith shop, frame barn 60x20x20' of cleared land.

Brice M.

I am entitled to make entry under the homestead laws and the Act of June 11, 1906. I have actually

been upon the land above described and believe it to be chiefly valuable for agriculture, having settled upon it (or examined it) *settled in spring of 1887. Log house 18x26'*

(Give the date of settlement or the date of the examination, the character of the improvements, if any, and the amount

1 1/2 stone, log & tract called 18x20, Blacksmith shop, frame barn 60x20x20'

to square, mill house 16x40, 600 tree orchard, about 30 acres cleared land and 750 rods fencing, and all the required ditches for the land.

My present address is

Salinas, Idaho.

Elizabeth M. Elbridge

Applicant.

NOTE.—If the applicant, upon the request of the Forest officer detailed to examine the land, will accompany him, it will usually facilitate the examination.

H. V. R.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS

Application No. 555 - Salmon National Forest.

Land District Hailey. October 8-9-10, 1908.
(Date of examination.)

1. Name and address of applicant. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Eldridge,
(The county should always be given.)
Gibbonsville, Lemhi Co., Idaho.

2. Settlement Yes. Alleges settlement in spring of 1887.
(Is applicant living on land? Give date of settlement.)

3. Location Approximately seventy-five acres located by metes
(Legal subdivision, or by metes and bounds. Relation to highways, rivers, railroads, etc. Proximity and importance of towns, settlements, etc.)
and bounds, lying at the confluence of Hughes Creek and the
North Fork of Salmon River about six miles below Gibbonsville,
in the unsurveyed T. 25 N. R. 21 E. Boise Mer.

4. Area Approximately seventy-five acres (75) more or less.
(Applied for, and recommended.)

9. Claims Aside from the patented placer ground which the claimant is at present occupying and cultivating there are no conflicting claims to the land or any of the improvements thereon. Log house, rock cellar, shop, large frame barn, milk house, 600 tree orchard, berry patches, fencing and ditches comprise the improvements.

10. Economic possibilities Applicant desires to obtain title to the claim as soon as possible so that she will feel more at liberty to further the improvement work. The ranch has been successfully farmed for quite a number of years and it has been demonstrated that the land is more valuable for agricultural purposes than for any other. The various markets throughout this end of the county are easily accessible and in the event of the opening up of the Bull of the Woods Mine, a few miles up Hughes Creek, this ranch will have the first opportunity of supplying the camp with farm products.

11. Recommendations It is respectfully recommended that the above described tract of land be listed for settlement for the previously stated reasons.

12. Photographs No photographs.

(Give numbers of negatives which go with this report. Photographs should be made in each case where unfavorable action is recommended.)

13. Personal

(Has applicant agreed to the findings of the examiner?)

Geo. C. Thompson
(Signature of examining officer.)

Land Examiner.

(Title.)

Approved

January 20, 1909

Approved

1909

(In charge, Examinations.)

TCTH

Chief, Office of Lands.

Supplement to Form 110,

Mrs. E. M. Eldridge, H. E.

The applicant and deceased husband settled on this claim in the spring of 1887, after practically all of the land along the Hughes Creek bottom, from the mouth of the creek up the stream for a distance of about five miles, had been located for placer purposes. Later on a portion of the land upon which applicant settled was patented as placer ground. That portion of the ground along the creek which divides the applicants claim into two noncontiguous tracts, it is held, never exhibited any paying values and was simply patented in order to hold this lower creek bottom as a dumping ground for the placer workings higher up the creek. Furthermore, said applicant has always held and improved a large portion of the patented placer ground, such as is shown on the accompanying map, and at no time has she been requested to discontinue the occupancy of the land. Also the fact that aside from that portion of the Eagleson claim which lies adjacent to this noncontiguous tract on the south, there is absolutely no agricultural land whatever on the southwest, appears to add to the claimants priority of right to the tract, of eighteen acres in area, which is separated from the main branch by the patented placer claims.

I take this means of putting before the Service the fact that the present applicant has a preference right to the two noncontiguous tracts of land for which she is making application.

Geo. L. Thompson

5. Topography The claim covers bench and bottom land in Hughes Creek

(Topography of tract applied for, and relation to surrounding territory. Topography should be considered particularly in and North Fork canyons, with a southeastern aspect. The altitude its bearing on agricultural possibilities, altitude, slope, aspect, etc.)

is approx. 4,100 feet. On all sides of the claim except up and down the creeks the mountains are very precipitous and rise in elevation to about 6,000 feet. All of the bench and bottom land is under ditch from North Fork and Hughes Creek.

6 Formation The soil consists of a sandy loam from one to two feet

(Nature and extent of soil, rock, etc., paying particular attention to their influence on agricultural possibilities. Presence of deep under which is a formation of coarse wash gravel. There water for irrigation and domestic use. Possibilities for developing water.)

are no possibilities for developing water but, there is an abundance of water in both the North Fork and Hughes Creek easily obtainable for irrigation.

7. Climate The climate is moderate in winter and in summer it affords

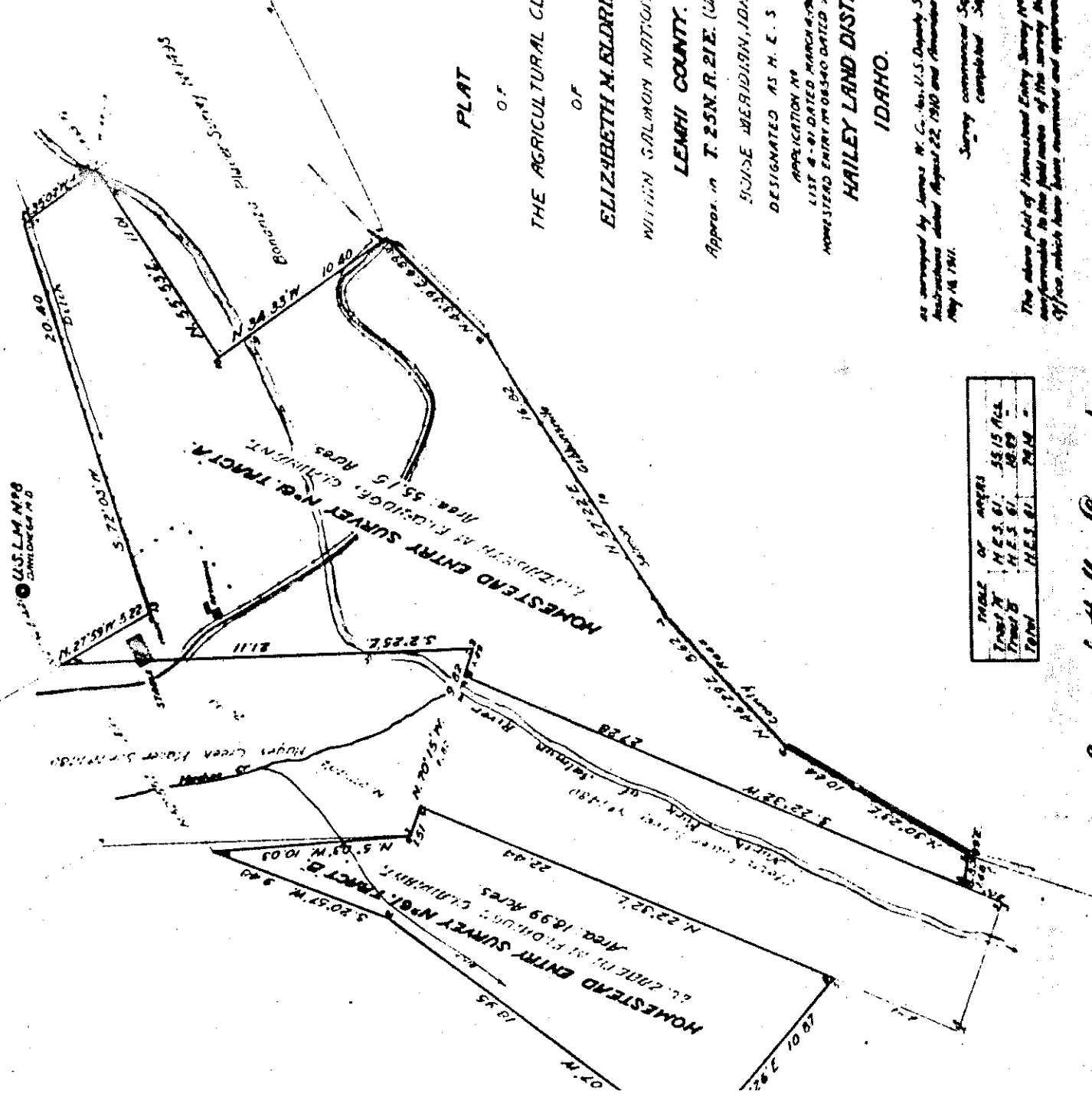
(Precipitation, temperature, occurrence of killing frosts.)

a growing season of about fourteen to sixteen weeks from latter part of May. The occurrence of killing frosts is seldom before the latter part of September.

8. Cover Aside from a narrow strip of willows and brush along the west

(Nature and extent of cover, with estimate of amount and value. Accessibility and distance to market. Is cover needed for protective or seeding purposes?)

survey for Placer Patent is more or less cleared off. None of the growth contained on the applicants claim is of any value to the Forest.



Received by the Hon. Comm. of
the G.O.C. April 22, 1912.

PLAT
OF
THE AGRICULTURAL CLAIM
OF
ELIZABETH M. ELDRIDGE.

WITHIN SALMON NATIONAL FOREST
LEMMI COUNTY.

Approx. in T. 25N. R. 21E. (Unsurveyed)

SOURCE WERIDIAN, IDAHO.

DESIGNATED AS H. E. S. N. 61.

APPLICATION IN

LIST 8-91 DATED MARCH 4, 1909

HOMESTEAD ENTRY #08540 DATED JULY 20, 1909.

HAILEY LAND DISTRICT.

IDAHO.

as surveyed by James W. C. by U.S. Deputy Surveyor under
Instructions dated August 22, 1910 and American Spacing Institute
May 16, 1911.

Survey commenced Sept. 3, 1910.
Completed Sept. 15, 1911.

The above plat of Homestead Entry Survey No. 61, Idaho, is not
conformable to the field notes of the survey thereof, on file in
Office, which have been examined and approved.

U.S. Surveyor General's Office.
 Boise, Idaho, December 22, 1911.

James W. C.
Surveyor General

Approved by the Hon. Comm. of the G.O.C. April 22, 1912.

5/13/MJR.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO Hailey/Pat. 332406, "B", Q. S.

1 X Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

May 14, 1913.

WASHINGTON

AGENTS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The Forester,

Forest Service,

Washington, D. C.

Patent issued.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, you are informed that
Hailey, Idaho, Serial No. 332406,

Forest Homestead Patent, No. 332406,
in the name of Elizabeth M. Eldridge, for the H. E. Survey,
No. 61, comprising Tracts A and B, embracing a portion of the
unsurveyed public domain in the Salmon National Forest, issued
May 10, 1913.

Very respectfully,

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Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF:)
WATER RIGHTS)
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AFFIDAVIT

State of Idaho)
)

County of LEMHI)
)

HAROLD H. HANSON

being first duly sworn,

deposes and says: I HAVE LIVED ON H.E.S. 95 SINCE 1948 AND DO HEREBY

CERTIFY THE WATER THAT RAISES ON THE LOWER END OF MY RANCH IS CAUGHT

IN A DITCH THAT GOES TO IRRIGATE PART OF THE RANCH KNOWN TO ME AS THE

OLD RAVNDAL RANCH ON HUGHES CREEK, NORTH FORK, IDAHO, PART OF WHICH

RUSS KOZACEK HAS PURCHASED.

Harold H. Hanson
(signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of March 19 77.

Residing at North Fork Rd. Davis

My commission expires on _____

Walter K. Kahan
(notary public)

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Eastern Region

1515 Lincoln Road
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(208) 523-7186

JULY 9, 1979

RUSSELL J. KOZACEK
SUSAN K. KOZACEK
BOX 1128
NORTH FORK

ID 83466

RE: Claim No. 75-4126

Dear Claimant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed the advertising of your claim to a water right, and no further action is authorized under Section 42-243 and 42-244, IDAHO CODE. Your claim will be retained in our files and will be available at any time for use by you or the court.

The filing and advertising of the claim does not confirm the water right claimed, but will serve to record and preserve the information and the evidence which you included in your claim.

If, at a later date, you find that you have additional information or supporting evidence that you would like to have included with the claim, you may have that information or evidence added at any time. Please refer to the claim identification number when corresponding with this office.

We are enclosing a copy of your claim for your records. If you have questions, or if this office may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Yours truly,

RONALD D. CARLSON
Eastern Region Supervisor

Enclosure

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT

Under the provisions of Section 42-243, Idaho Code, any person using or claiming rights to the public waters of Idaho established by diversion and application to a beneficial use must file a claim with the Department of Water Resources on or before June 30, 1983. Exempted from this filing are single family domestic uses as defined in Section 42-230(d), Idaho Code. Also exempted are rights represented by a permit, license, decree, adjudicated right, or a previously filed claim.

The filing of this claim does not confirm the water right claimed but failure to file may result in forfeiture of a water right.

I, Russell J. Kozacek and/or Susan K. Kozacek
 Notice is hereby given that (Name of Claimant)
Box 1128, North Fork, Idaho 83466 Telephone No. 865-2152
(Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

claims a right to the diversion and beneficial use of the surface or ground water. The extent and nature of said claim is as follows:

root

(as

follows:

(1)	Date of priority: (When was the water first applied to a beneficial use)	May	1880
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A claim is not acceptable on a ground water source with a priority later than March 25, 1963 or on a surface water source with a priority later than May 20, 1971. An exception is that a claim may be filed on single family domestic use from a ground water source.

(2) Describe the source of water: (Name of stream, lake, spring, etc., or ground water)
unnamed spring tributary to Salmon River, North Fork

(3) Describe the purpose for which the water has been used and the time during the year when you have used the right claimed:

Quantity	(cfs, gpd, AFA)	(Domestic, Irrigation, Stock, Etc.)	(Both dates inclusive)	
			(Mo., Day)	(Mo., Day)
Quantity	0.04 cfs	Use Domestic	Period of Use From 1/1	To 12/31
Quantity	0.32 cfs	Use Irrigation	Period of Use From 3/1	To 11/1
Quantity		Use	Period of Use From	To
Quantity		Use	Period of Use From	To
Quantity		Use	Period of Use From	To
Quantity		Use	Period of Use From	To
Quantity	0.36 cfs	TOTAL QUANTITY USED.	Period of Use From	To

(4) 0.36 cfs TOTAL QUANTITY USED.
(cfs, gpd, AFA)

(5) A) Point of diversion: (Location of point where water is diverted from its source)
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15 Twp. 25N Rge. 21E B.M., County of Lemhi
Additional points of diversion:

B) Describe means of diversion of water: (Pump and pipeline, well, diversion dam, reservoir, length of ditch and field, etc.). Give sizes and capacities: be as specific as possible. Describe any changes in the system and give the date of the change. Water is diverted by means of headbox & open ditch approx. 14' x 3975'. A USFS permit has been issued in conjunction with this use. Flood irrigation methods are used. Animals receive water directly from ditch. Also, water is pumped from well

(6) A) Describe location of use by listing number of irrigated acres within each 40-acre tract in appropriate box. If use is not for irrigation, place an "X" in appropriate box to show location.
which is fed directly from irrigation ditch.

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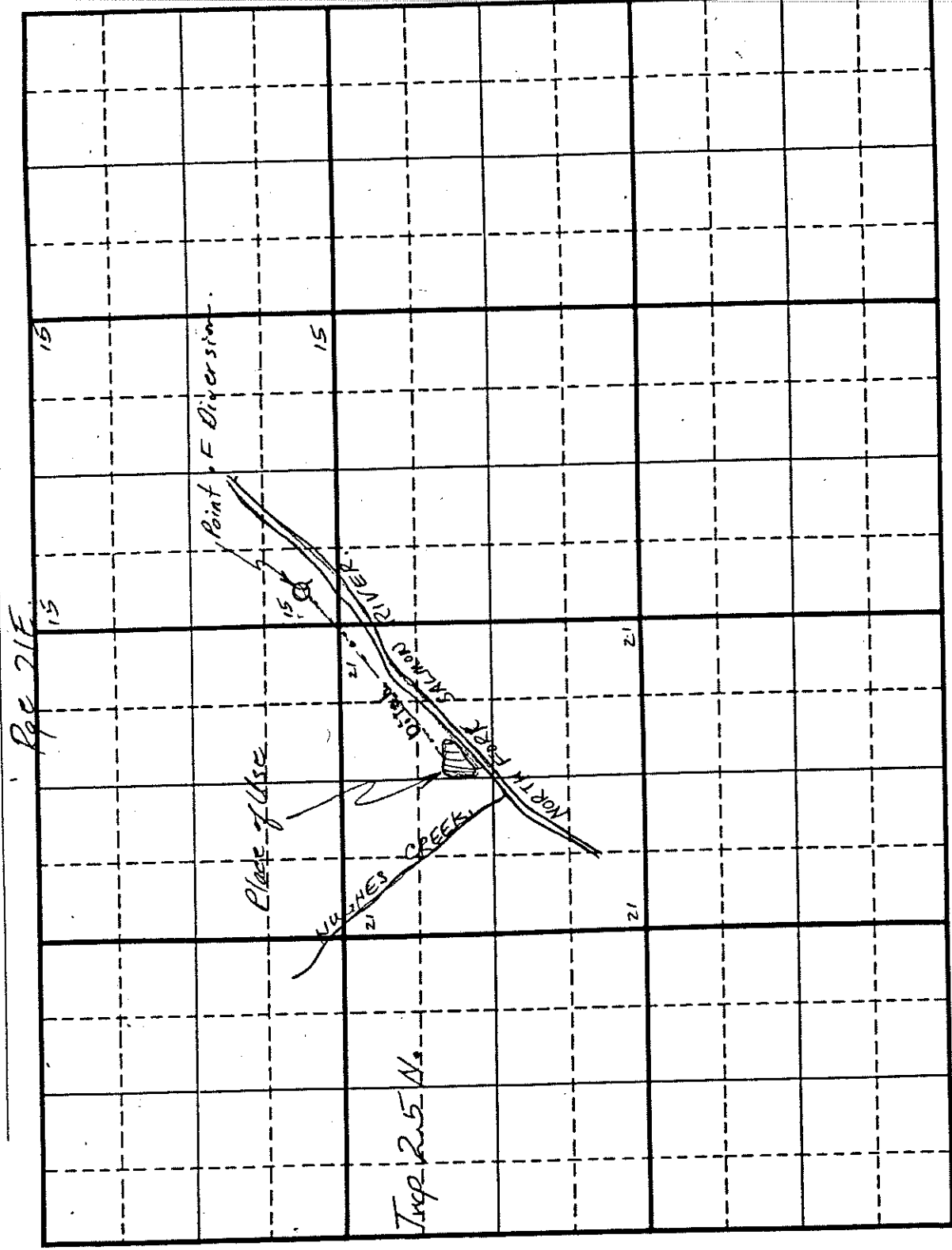
No. of acres	8

B) If water is used for other than irrigation, fully describe that use, being as specific as possible: single-family domestic use; stockwater

NOTE: Include here the type and number of stock watered: horses & mules (approx. 50)

(7) If you are claiming water as a member of an organization, list name of organization: _____

- (8) Remarks: See attached Forest Service Special Use Permit. Water wheel and generator will be installed in ditch to provide electricity.



Mr. Bob Martin
North Fork District USFS
P.O. Box 780
North Fork, Idaho 83466

Sue Kozacek
P.O. Box 1128
North Fork, Idaho 83466

July 23, 1984

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of the notarized statement by Velma Ravndal concerning the ditch used by the $\diamond$ H Ditch Association. This statement dates the beginning of continuous use of the ditch as 1887.

Could you please inform our Association by a letter of our different options at this point. Send this letter to me, and I will forward it to the other members.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sue Kozacek

Sue Kozacek
President, $\diamond$ H Ditch Association

cc Sue and Russ Kozacek
Stuart Felton
Annie Noyes

State of Idaho
County of Lemhi

STATEMENT

I, Velma H. Ravndal, residing at 2121 E. Main St., Salmon, Idaho, do make the following statement regarding the irrigation ditch which is sketched below:

In the Spring of 1887, David P. and Elizabeth M. Eldridge settled at the mouth of Hughes Creek, and subsequently built a 2-story log house with a 1-story lean-to kitchen. At the time of settlement, domestic, stock and irrigation water was attained by tapping the overflow from a spring on the private property now owned by Harold Hanson, and building the "Spring Ditch", coming across Forest Service property to the said Eldridge property.

A Homestead Claim was applied for on Oct. 9, 1908. A Forest Survey was made Oct. 8-9-10, 1908 and approved Jan. 20, 1909. Homestead Entry No. 06540 was made July 20, 1909. List No. 4-81. Patent was granted May 10, 1913.

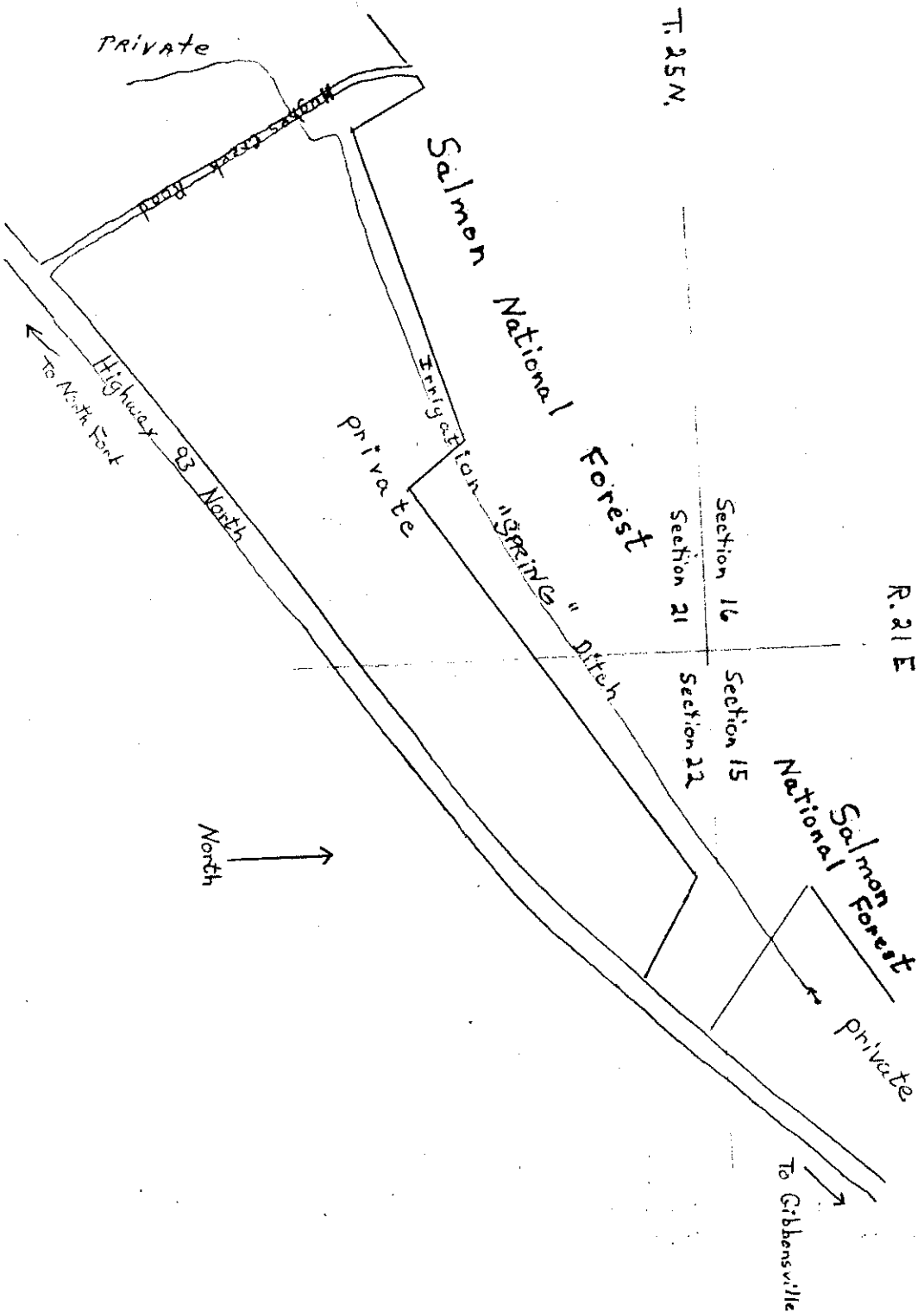
By the Spring of 1909, there were 600 bearing fruit trees, a berry patch and large garden, all watered by the said "Spring Ditch". (See attached copies of Hughes Creek Ranger, Ora Cockrell's, annual inspection records (Exhibits A and B) of Eldridge Homestead from 1909 through 1912.)

The above property was purchased by Eric and Hattie G. Ravndal on June 1, 1918. Gerald B. and Velma H. Ravndal sold said property to Lou and Sybil Gohmes in July, 1957. At that time, the said "Spring Ditch" had been used continuously from 1887 to 1957 for domestic, stock and irrigation water, and for stock and irrigation water from 1957 to the present date, for a total of more than 97 years' continuous use.

N.B. Albert Hull (born March 1881) visited the Ravndal ranch about 1953 and said he was a small boy of six when he accompanied his father, Joseph Hull, who with other neighbors helped "raise" the 2-story part of the Eldridge log house in the fall of 1887.

Velma H. Ravndal

Mrs. Gerald B. Ravndal.



Wm. J. J. J. J. 7-13-84
 Date

Subscribed and sworn before me the 13 day of July, 1984.
 Notary Public My commission expires 6-12-1986

Serial no. 106540 B. 10. 10. 10.

Abstract for Oct. 9, 1908
The gas was collected in a bag of 188,
Continued by receding the card.

Amherstworth dog house & room
Back cellar with four rooms,
flame from board tang
with kitchen and dining.
(600 feet in round).
Produce - 1904-

Produced by 7400 Jones
Appl. 250 ft. below 4000
Shawnee 100 ft.
Rocky 100 ft.

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PLAT
OF
HOMESTEAD ENTRY SURVEY No 61

TRACTS A & B
SALMON NATIONAL FOREST
LEMHI COUNTY, IDAHO.

Surveyed Sept. 4-7, 1910. By,
James McCallister, U.S. Deputy Surveyor.
SCALE 5 Chains = 1 inch.

