

Priority Note Verification
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS

Application No. 10 Salmon National ForestLand District Hailey September 4-5-6, 1908.
(Date of examination.)1. Name and address of applicant Willard Road
(The county should always be given.)
Leesburg, Lemhi Co., Idaho.2. Settlement Yes. Applicant has had sole possession since Jan. 18, 1897.
(Is applicant living on land? Give date of settlement.)3. Location Claim is located just opposite confluence of Big & Beaver
(Legal subdivision, or by metes and bounds. Relation to highways, rivers, railroads, etc. Proximity and importance of towns, settlements, etc.)
Creeks about 18 miles from Leesburg. It is located by metes and
bounds and tied to Forest Service Monument. With reference to
legal subdivisions it may be described as being in approximately
Sec. 5, Twp. 23 N, R 17 E., Boise Meridian.4. Area Approximately 82 acres, more or less.
(Applied for, and recommended.)

5. Topography The greater portion of the claim is bench land located
(Topography of tract applied for, and relation to surrounding territory. Topography should be considered particularly in
in Big Creek Canyon, on either side of which the mountains are ex-
(its bearing on agricultural possibilities, altitude, slope, aspect, etc.)
ceedingly steep. The approximate elevation of the claim is 4000 ft.
The slope is gentle and exhibits an a northeastern aspect.

6. Formation The soil consists of an admixture of sandy loam and gravel
(Nature and extent of soil, rock, etc., paying particular attention to their influence on agricultural possibilities. Presence of
which in many places extends to a depth of from 3 to 5 ft., but in
water for irrigation and domestic use. Possibilities for developing water.)
some places it is much shallower. Wherever the land has been irri-
gated excellent crops have been produced. Big Creek affords an
abundance of water for both irrigation and domestic purposes and
water can be put upon most of the land with comparatively little
expense.

7. Climate The climate is ideal for so mountainous a country. The
(Precipitation, temperature, occurrence of killing frosts.)
summers are very warm and afford a growing season of about 16 wks.
with seldom any occurrence of killing frosts between May 15 and
Sept. 15. The precipitation is too light to insure crops.

8. Cover Aside from a light growth of cottonwoods, willows and brush
(Nature and extent of cover, with estimate of amount and value. Accessibility and distance to market. Is cover needed for pro-
along Big Creek, there is no other timber growth either on or ad-
tective or seeding purposes?)
acent to claim. The cover is not needed for administrative pur-
poses.

7. Claims There is rumor that a portion of the Beaver Creek Placer
(Conflicting claims to land or existing improvements—by whom and on what grounds. Examiner is not to pass upon claims—merely

claims as located conflicts with this agriculture claim on the west
to furnish all available information. Use in the past, and by what means. Existence of mining claims. Give any information available affecting
side of Big Creek, but I was unable to determine the location of
qualifications of applicant to make a homestead entry. Show what improvements have been made, and their present state of repair.)

the Placer lines, and furthermore no development work has ever been
done on the west side of the creek. There are no conflicts to im-
provements. The claim has been cultivated since 1891.

8. Economic possibilities For agricultural purposes. Applicant desires to
(Reason for application, and opinion as to success of applicants' plans. State fully agricultural possibilities,

make a home of the claim. Excellent crops of timothy, clover and
value, if any, to Forest Service for Rangers' Quarters or other administrative purposes. If withdrawal of tract for administrative use is desired,
alfalfa hay, about 3 tons per acre. All hardy garden truck of which
submit separate report on Form 271. Distance and market price per acre of near-by farms. Transportation facilities.)

applicant produced about \$300 worth the last season. He has from 25
to 30 acres of hay land and 4 to 5 acres garden truck. The claim is
accessible from Leesburg by means of three trails, one down Big Creek
(recently constructed by the Forest Service), one down Trail Creek
and one down Beaver Creek. The average distance being about 18 miles.

9. Recommendations I respectfully recommend that the above described
(Specific recommendation for or against listing of land, with summary of reasons for recommendation.)

tract be listed for settlement, inasmuch as it has been cultivated
for some so many years and applicant has proved it to be of more
value for agricultural purposes than for any other.

2. Photographs None
(Give numbers of negatives which go with this report. Photographs should be made in each case where unfavorable action is recommended.)

3. Personal None
(Has applicant agreed to the findings of the examiner?)

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

Land Examiner.
(Title.)

Approved February 19, 1909.

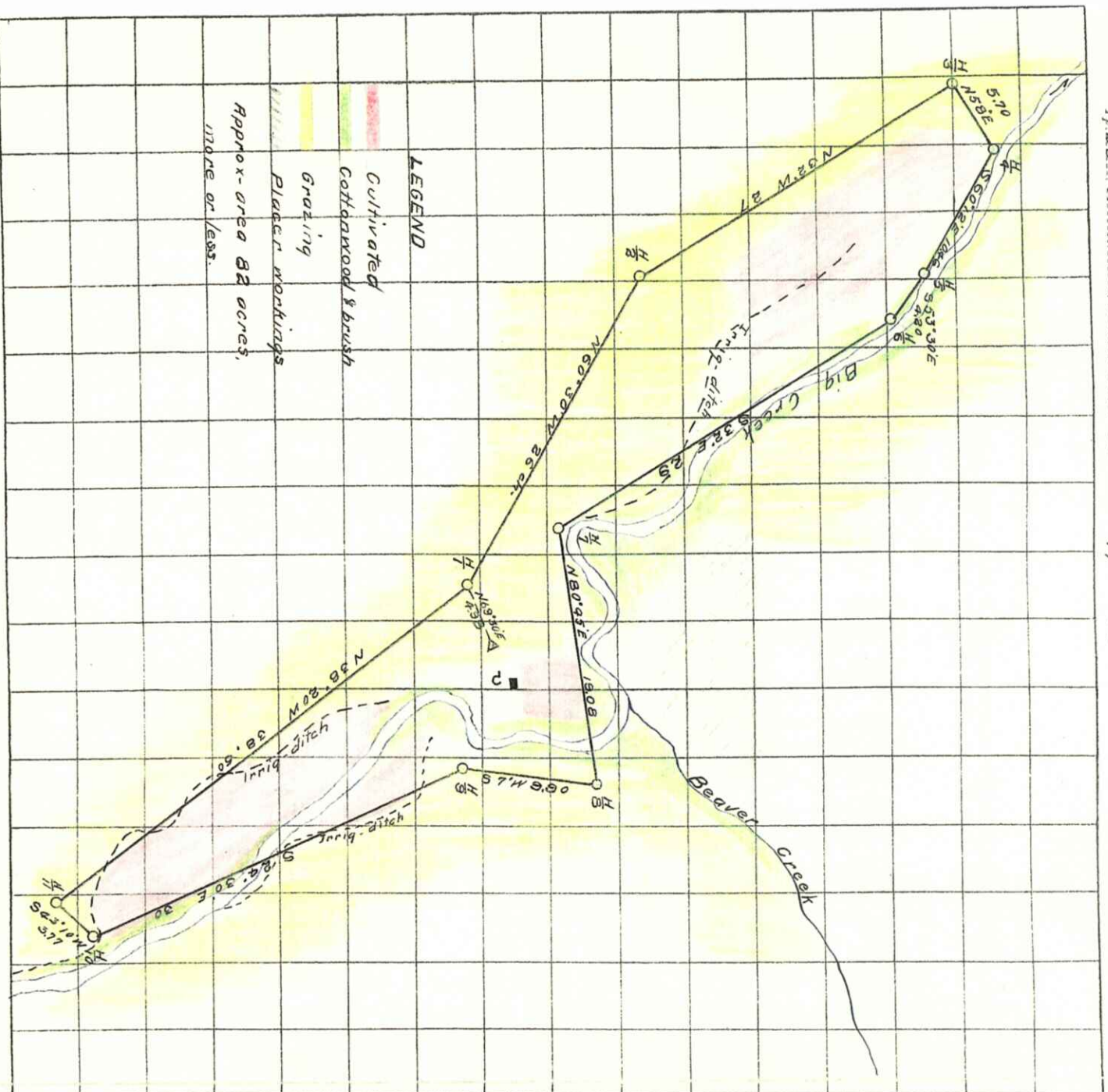
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Geo. C. Thompson
(In charge, Examinations.)

Chief, Office of Lands.

MAP SHEET.

7f.23. $N_{R.17}$ $E_{B.M.}$ Section 5 approx. Quarter 3 Scale: 3 inches = 1 mile.



Sketch map, in colored pencil, of the area applied for on a scale of 8 inches to the mile, showing topography, cover, roads, trails, agricultural land, and improvements. A small amount of the surrounding country should be sketched in.