

HERMESE H. CRUMP
29-72B, 29-225 and 29-2455
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Photo 1. Diversion on Joe Willey Creek.



Photo 2. Diversion on Twenty-four mile creek.

Monday June 17th I met with Nyles Crump, Hermese's son, to discuss her water rights. Nyles operated a portion of the property for 15 years. The property is currently on the market and is not being farmed.

The water rights decreed on the property from the Union Grain and Elevator Decree are from Twenty-four Mile creek and Joe Willey creek. Joe Willey Creek is tributary to Twenty-four Mile Creek. Over the years water has been exchanged from Joe Willey Creek to Twenty-four Mile Creek.

Photo 1 was taken looking in a southwesterly direction at Joe Willey creek and the Crump's diversion. The water would enter the ditch at this diversion and go north and flood the property or it can continue down the stream along the road and flow into Twenty-four mile creek. The Joe Willey exchange water would be diverted in the SENE of section 28.

Photo 2 was taken looking southwesterly at diversion graveyard for the Twenty-four mile diversion. They use to pump it out of the creek and irrigate the property east of the creek in section 28. No pump was in place at the time of my visit.

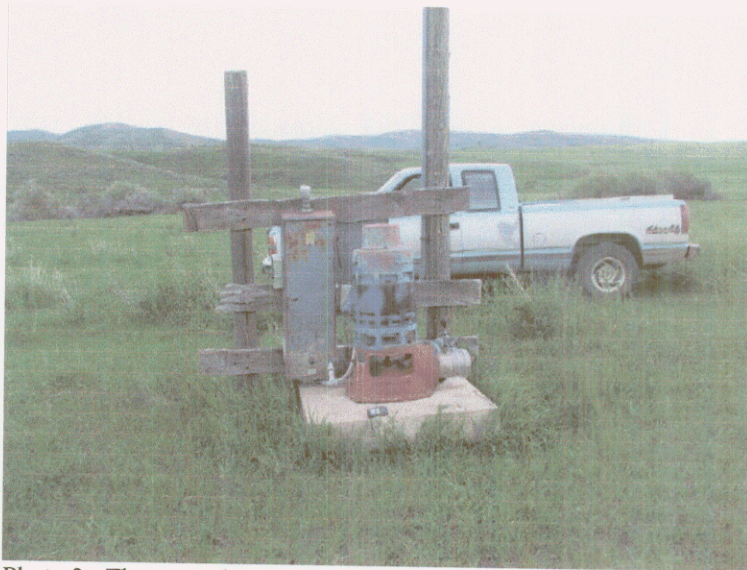


Photo 3. The ground water diversion.

Photo 3 was taken looking east at the old ground water system. The 50-horse pump is still setting on the concrete pad as shown in photo 3. Nyle's brother operated the property west of Twenty-four mile creek. According to Nyles they quit using the well in 1979 because the amount of water they got from the well wasn't being offset by the power costs. His brother moved out of the area in 1989

On June 14th I requested power records from Nyles on the well to determine when the well was last used but because the meter was removed no records are available. According to Nyles the ground water system hasn't been operated since 1979 it has been abandoned or forfeited and I'm recommending the claim be disallowed.

The point of diversion listed in the NWNW of section 22 washed out in 1980 and hasn't been since that time. The only point of diversion used out of Twenty-four mile since 1980 is the point of diversion in the SENE of section 28, township 6 south, range 39 east. This is also the same point of diversion used for the Joe Willey exchange water.

Claim 29-72B is decreed Twenty-four mile creek. It has been over claimed in the SRBA and will be adjusted to match the decree.