

Conversation Memorandum

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From: Craig Saxton

Subject: Amending Claim to Drop Irrigation Portion 29-10000.

Frank Johnson came into the office to discuss amendment of his claims to include his home located in the T6S, R35E, Section 20, NENW.

We also discussed filing a permit application on his well since it was drilled in 1972 (post the mandatory permit date for ground water). Frank said a half acre of irrigation would be fine and he didn't want to file a permit based on the fact that the groundwater has been contaminated from a nearby landfill and would harm his pasture and trees.

I explicitly said that I felt he had an irrigation portion of this water right from his groundwater well and I would encourage him to try to preserve it by filing a permit application. He still didn't want to. Thus, I removed the irrigation portion on the amended claim and will recommend domestic and stock use.

Despite the current water contamination, I am recommending domestic and stock use based on that he originally used the well for those purposes, and will in the future when the contamination is cleared up. Frank said that there is a project in the works to clean up the contamination from the landfill.