

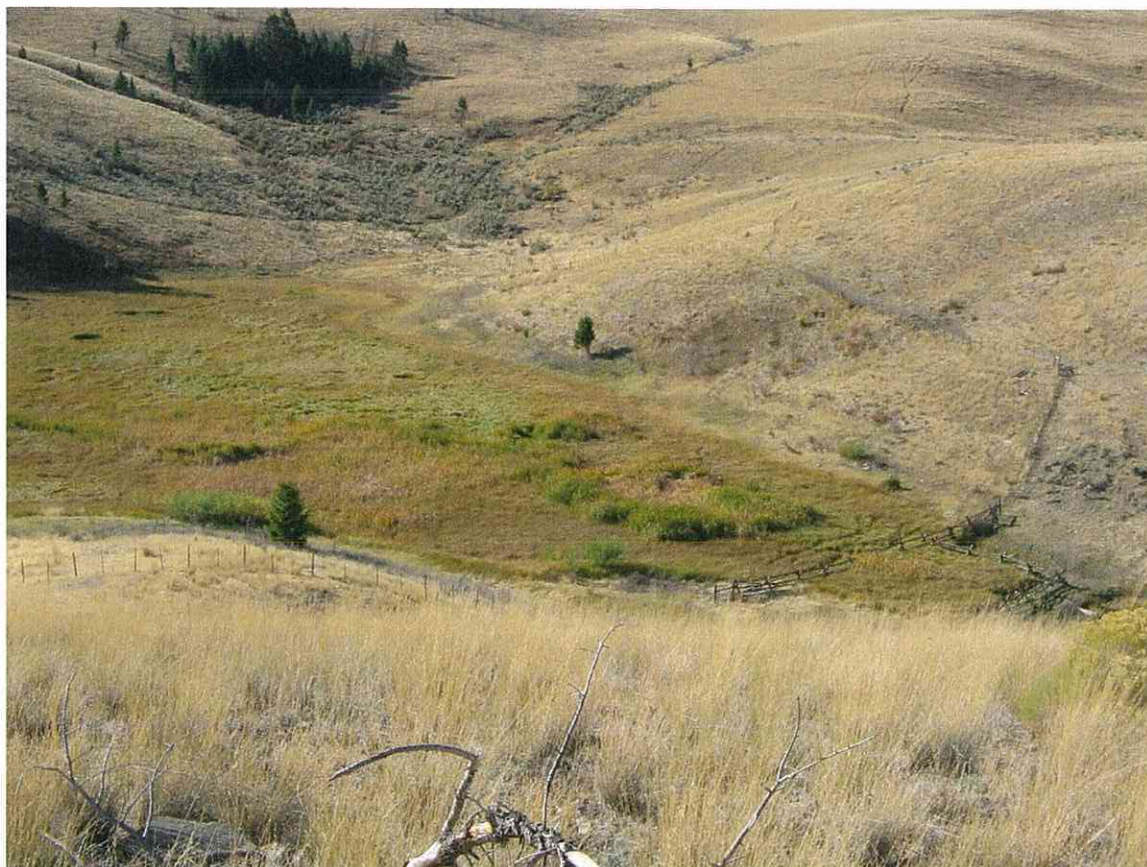
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Notes from meeting with Kathy Corkin and Toni of Sunset Heights Water District, Mike Tyacke and Stan Jensen of Hyde Creek Ranch re: water rights from Sevenmile (including South Fork and North Fork) and Hyde Creeks

Meeting date: 09/30/2008

Agent: Monica Van Bussum



View of reservoir in Sec 20 taken from the north looking south over the Sevenmile Creek drainage. The residents call this arm the South Fork of Sevenmile Creek. While the reservoir does not necessarily fill with water, it is quite marshy and holds 1-2 feet of water across its surface. The extent of the reservoir can be clearly seen by the variation in coloring of the foliage. On the right side of the picture approximately one-third of the way from the bottom, a small white pipe can be seen that is the point of diversion. This water serves water rights 75-14179 (Jackson) and 75-4395 (Hyde Creek Ranch).

There is some question as to whether this source also serves Sunset Heights Water District, in this case the Sunset Heights subdivision, under 75-14448. 75-14448 is before the SRBA District Court in objection proceedings at this time. During the course of the exam, I was able to determine that no conveyance exists to carry Sevenmile Creek (whether North Fork, South Fork, or main channel) into Sunset Heights to serve the subdivision. Kathy Corkin of Sunset Heights Water District is seeking evidence of historic use.

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It is important to note the USGS topographic maps do not denote a North Fork Sevenmile Creek and a South Fork Sevenmile Creek. This field exam documentation is to relay what was communicated to me by the claimants about how the sources are locally known. I believe the channel commonly known as South Fork Sevenmile Creek is known on the topo as simply Sevenmile Creek.



Picture taken again looking south over South Fork Sevenmile Creek drainage. The culvert through the dam for the reservoir can be seen in the middle of the picture and the white spot to the right of that is the PVC pipe that forms the point of diversion to serve 75-14179 and 75-4395. Sunset Heights Recreation Association also has a storage right 75-4177 for water from this source. The pond under that right can be seen in later photographs.

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A0017678. The culvert from the reservoir is seen at left and the top of the PVC pipe system that forms the point of diversion is seen at right. No water was being conveyed through the system at the time of the exam. Per conversation with claimants, there is a PVC extension that is placed at the top of the pipe seen here that extends horizontally towards the culvert and then allows water to flow through the pipe.

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Below the point of diversion from South Fork Sevenmile Creek, the pipe goes underground. Further along the path of the pipe, some wasting has occurred to expose the pipe, as seen here. The pipe extends in a northerly direction towards the North Fork Sevenmile Creek drainage.

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A second view of the exposed pipe. Picture taken facing southward toward the South Fork Sevenmile Creek channel.

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This pipe was exposed near the PVC pipe seen in the last photo. Presumably the PVC pipe has replaced corroded sections of previously installed metal pipe.

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Photo taken showing concrete marker where water exits pipe system and enters open ditch. The open ditch then conveys the water to the North Fork Sevenmile Creek drainage.

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View showing scale of pipe where it empties into open ditch. Corrugated metal pipe was approximately 18 inches in diameter.

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No water was flowing in the open ditch at the time of the field exam. This picture and the one immediately below were taken to provide some scale for the open ditch just below where the pipe empties into it. Depth to high water mark is approximately 15 inches.



Photo to show width of ditch.

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This photo shows the open ditch coming through the drainage conveying South Fork Sevenmile Creek water towards North Fork Sevenmile Creek. The ditch runs across the photo at the bottom of the top third of the shot. This photo was taken looking south towards the South Fork Sevenmile Creek drainage, so the general flow direction in this picture is from right to left.

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This photo shows the ditch from South Fork Sevenmile Creek at left and, in the background, the North Fork Sevenmile Creek drainage.

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When the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch reaches the North Fork drainage, it passes down a sharp grade to meet the North Fork. This photo is taken from below where the ditch passes into the drainage, and shows the steepness of the channel in this area. The channel can be seen in the center running top to bottom of the picture.

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This photo was taken in the same location as the last, but shows the downstream trend of the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch.

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At the bottom of the steep grade, the water can be directed one of two places. First, it can be directed to the Jackson property (75-14179). Second, it can be diverted to join with North Fork Sevenmile Creek water to be delivered to the Hyde Creek Ranch (75-4393 and 75-4395) and the pond for Sunset Heights Recreation Association (75-4177). This photo shows the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch approximately 3 feet upstream of the split.

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This photo shows the diversion off the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch that would serve the Jackson property (75-14179).

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This photo shows water from the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch after it splits, and running to the North Fork Sevenmile Creek water.

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A0017676. This photo shows where water is diverted from North Fork Sevenmile Creek and where the South Fork Sevenmile Creek water joins it. Hyde Creek Ranch has altered the system so they can divert the entire capacity of North Fork Sevenmile Creek into their system. To the right of this picture, the channel makes a right turn to head to Hyde Creek Ranch, indicating it is not the original channel. The area is gently sloped with no clear historic channel, but water could easily have flowed through this gentle area down into the steeper drainage below. The water from the South Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch comes into the North Fork Sevenmile Creek ditch from the background of the picture and is not visible here.

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Photo of ditch showing commingled water from North Fork and South Forks of Sevenmile Creek heading north toward Sunset Heights subdivision and Hyde Creek Ranch.

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This photo shows the entry for Sunset Heights Water District's municipal license 75-7032. The Jackson place (75-14179) is the green area in the middle left third of the picture. Sunset Heights subdivision can be seen to the right of the Jackson place.

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Overview of the valley just above the diversion for 75-7032. Sunset Heights subdivision can be seen in the middle of the picture.

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Outside view of spring box for 75-7032. A0017677.

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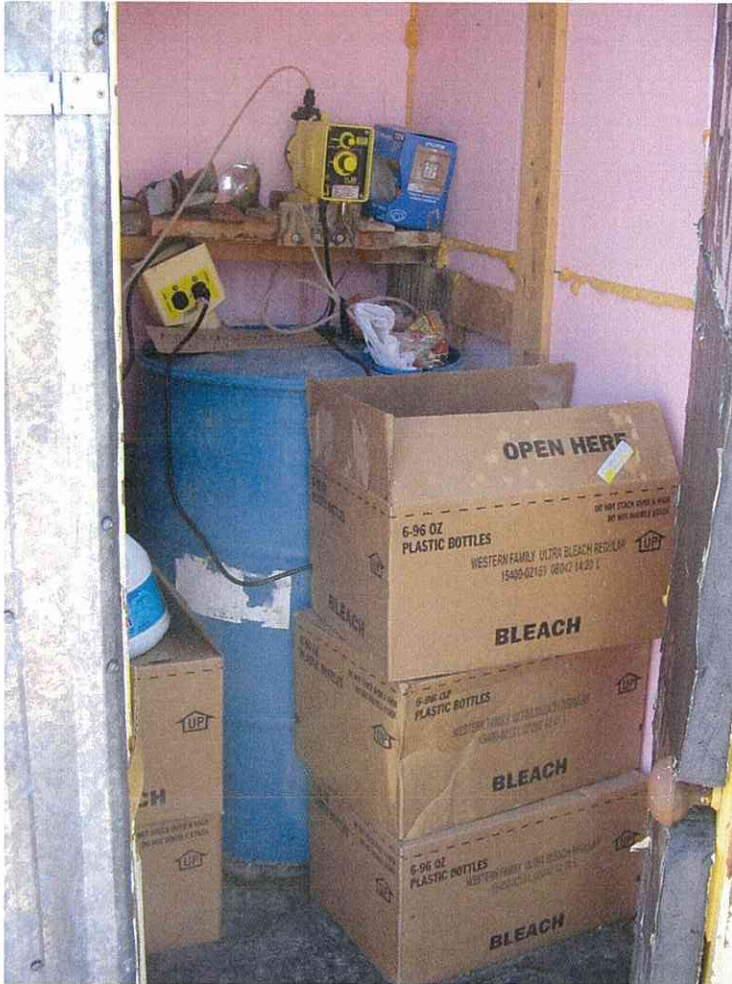
Pictures showing inside of spring box for 75-7032.

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Outside view of pump house for 75-7032.

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Inside view of pump house for 75-7032. This is well below the elevation for the spring box. Conveyance is through buried pipe to this pump house where water is chlorinated and put into delivery system.

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This photo is at approximately 20 feet above the elevation of Sunset Heights Water District's pump house. This photo shows the continuing conveyance for the Jackson property (75-14179) from South Fork Sevenmile Creek.

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An alternative view of the conveyance for Jackson's property showing parts of the valley. Photo taken looking south. Sunset Heights subdivision is to the right, or north of the vantage point of this picture. The southern edge of the Jackson place (75-14179) can be seen towards the top right of the picture.

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This photo is taken from the same location as the previous one, but is looking north. Sunset Heights subdivision can be clearly seen, as can the pond to the right. The pond serves water rights 75-4177 (Sunset Heights Recreation Association) and acts as storage and flow-through for Hyde Creek Ranch right 75-4395.

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A view of the Hyde Creek Ranch point of diversion for Hyde Creek Ranch right 75-4395 from the pond seen in the last photograph. This photo was taken looking north/northeast. The water runs from this point of diversion under the dam and to the left of this picture. The photo was taken while standing on the dam for the pond.

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View of dam for pond. Hyde Creek Ranch point of diversion is out of sight to the right. The water runs through a pipe under the dam and empties into an open ditch to the left of this photo.

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View of Hyde Creek (also historically known as Eli Creek) just below where it enters Hyde Creek Ranch. This creek supplies the water for Hyde Creek Ranch right 75-4393. Under the large trees in the background, the channel forks. The channel visible in this picture can serve the Hyde Creek Ranch, but the channel that forks to the right feeds into Pope Ditch and can also serve the Ranch. If Hyde Creek was not going into Pope Ditch, it would be tributary to the Salmon River judging by the topography and general flow direction of Hyde Creek.

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This photo was taken from the same place as the last but shows Hyde Creek flowing downstream towards the west. This channel is primarily used for flood irrigation. Highway 93 can be seen in the background near the large trees. To the left of the Hyde Creek channel can also be seen the downstream end of the channel that feeds into Pope Ditch.

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This photo shows where Hyde Creek feeds into Pope Ditch. The confluence can clearly be seen in the center of the picture.

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Another view of the Hyde Creek/Pope Ditch confluence looking west across the valley towards Highway 93.

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Per Mike Tyacke, owner of Hyde Creek Ranch, and Stan Jensen, who leases the ranch, they will sometimes dump Hyde Creek water into Pope Ditch and then remove their Hyde Creek and Pope Ditch water via this pump house. This allows them to spread the Hyde Creek water around the ranch more efficiently using sprinkler irrigation. They also use flood irrigation via the channel shown in previous photographs.

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