

Clelland, Steve

From: Bob Baker [bob@lutherhaven.com]
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Clelland, Steve
Subject: RE: Lutherhaven camp water rights

Thanks. This is really helpful. We'll start digging! We have some early FS documentation.

Have a fabulous weekend! Sunshine!

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On Nov 7, 2014 1:28 PM, "Clelland, Steve" <Steve.Clelland@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Hi Bob,

I think it is a fair assumption the early camp consumed water. How did you come to know these dates? Maybe that is in written form somewhere as documentation. Maybe a written statement from a USFS employee could provide a historical summary of the camp's uses. Is there anything that might describe the well being drilled and developed? The type of evidence that will work in this case is more like something that would "sway" my belief that the uses were there in 1956. Older claims like this often don't come with much documentation because it wasn't necessary at the time it was developed.

Steve

From: Bob Baker [mailto:bob@lutherhaven.com]
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 12:03 PM
To: Clelland, Steve
Subject: Re: Lutherhaven camp water rights

Hi Steve. Thanks for the email. I was actually wondering just last week how this was progressing. We appreciate your work!

The camp is an old Forest Service work camp. The earliest records of its use go back to the 1920s. We purchased the camp from the federal government in 2009. It is the first private ownership of the parcel since the government signed a treaty for it during the Grover Cleveland administration.

That 1956 date reflects the construction date of the oldest government building in camp ... the dining hall. The assumption, of course, is that the chow house consumed water. In 1956 the government operated a Blister Rust Control Camp there.

Any suggestions on how to evidence those claim dates? The oldest maps of the water system date from the 70s.

Thanks for your help!

Bob

On Nov 7, 2014 8:47 AM, "Clelland, Steve" <Steve.Clelland@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

November 7, 2014

Bob,

I am reviewing two water right claims for the Lutherhaven Camp located at T50N R04E Sec. 5 SWSE. According to the claims on file you have filed 94-8932 for a well, used for commercial use and a claim 94-9087 for surface water irrigation from Shoshone Creek. There are a couple of items that need to be clarified before I can recommend the claims to the court.

Both of these claims need evidence of priority. You claimed the date of 1956 for both claims and I need some supporting documentation showing those uses began at that date. Most often this is in the form of an affidavit from someone with personal knowledge of the uses being developed in 1956. Sometimes you can find invoices or dates in records that support the date as claimed.

Secondly, I need a map or accurate sketch of the area showing the points of diversion for each claim; one for the well location and one for the creek diversion location. It would also be helpful if you could map out the location of the 5 acres of irrigation; your parcel and camp is quite large and it is not clear where the irrigation takes place. I would also need a map showing the location of the storage of the well water and the size of the storage tank. If you have a well pump to fill the storage, I need some details on the pump size and pressure of that system to estimate the correct flow rate of diversion: you have claimed 0.22 cfs or 98 gallons per minute (gpm).

Please contact me if you have further questions on this request of information. You can submit the maps and information via email or postal mail.

Thank you,

Steve

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