

SUMMARY OF 97-7849 AND 97-7850

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I spoke with the claimants Frederick and Bonnie Mason on two occasions. Initially I helped them complete the claim forms over the phone. During our first conversation, my initial understanding was that there was one pump in the creek and then a separate well being used for the same domestic use. However, after reviewing the claims I noticed on 97-7850 they claimed it for 2 homes. Because this was a surface water source, and the 2nd home was added after the mandatory permitting statute, I notified the claimants and allocation agent Luke Bates that a permit is needed.

I joined the phone call Mr. Bates had with the claimants. During this second phone call, more information was provided regarding the domestic use. From this phone call, there is one pipe in the Unnamed Stream tributary to Tunnel Creek proper that supplies the original home with its own pump, claim 97-7850. The well that was claimed in 97-7849 is actually a shallow hand dug well, lined with "well tiles" approximately 8-10 ft. deep and 4-5 ft. away from the creek with its own pump, which is located on the same side of the creek as the home. It was determined that the source that best describes this hand dug well is actually Unnamed Stream tributary to Tunnel Creek, which the claimants agreed. Both of these claims supply the same home and are used interchangeably throughout the year.

Claim 97-7850 will be recommended as claimed but for only 1 home. The 2nd home claimed will go through the permitting process through allocations. Claim 97-7849 will be amended to change the source from Ground Water to Unnamed Stream tributary to Tunnel Creek.

The points of diversions for these claims are separate from claim 97-7857.



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