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Re: Paris Creek Water Issues

Dear Blake:

We are interested in clarifying the water rights here on Paris Creek. We own parcels along Paris Creek. When we purchased these parcels, we were told there was a "high" water right associated with them. Early on, we tried to use the ditch that serves these properties. We were only partially successful as the County Road Department had installed a culvert in the past that damaged and eroded the ditch so it carries little water from the point of diversion. See Figures 1 and 2 for maps of the parcels, ditch, points of diversion and places of use. These maps were generated from shapefiles downloaded from your website.

Issues:

1. Figure 2 shows the irrigation ditch that begins at the point noted on the map. This is an existing concrete diversion that allows water from Paris Creek to flow into the ditch. The Point of Use ~~11-~~ 11-75 shown on the map is in a meadow and not at the diversion structure. This may be due to a GIS issue, but I located the diversion structure using Google Earth and put the coordinates on the map for reference.
2. That Figure also shows the ditch as it runs along Paris Canyon Road and over the years has been used to irrigate the meadows on the North side of the creek. (There is an even older ditch that feeds the South side of the creek). In any event, the ditch by Paris Canyon road has many visible outlets for watering the meadow below. The Places of Use (purple outline) shown in Figure 1 shows this area to be irrigated.
3. Figure 1 also shows three of our parcels (4593.05, 4593.10, 4593.11) that historically have been watered from this irrigation system. We understood that these water rights were tied to the land.

We would like clarification of these issues and any information you may have to assist us with identifying these rights.

Thank you,



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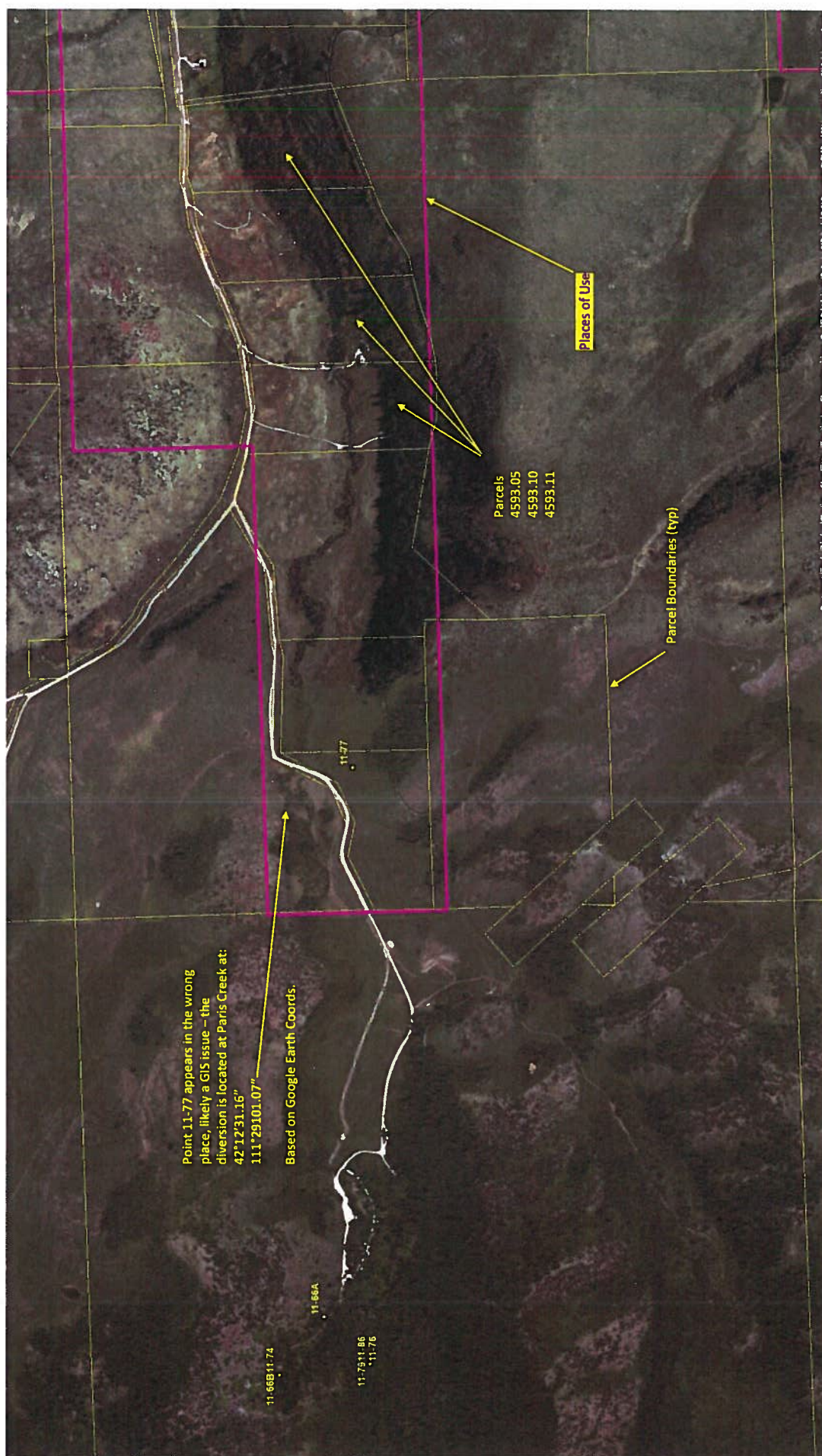


Figure 1. Points of Diversion and Places of Use from Shapefiles (IDWR)

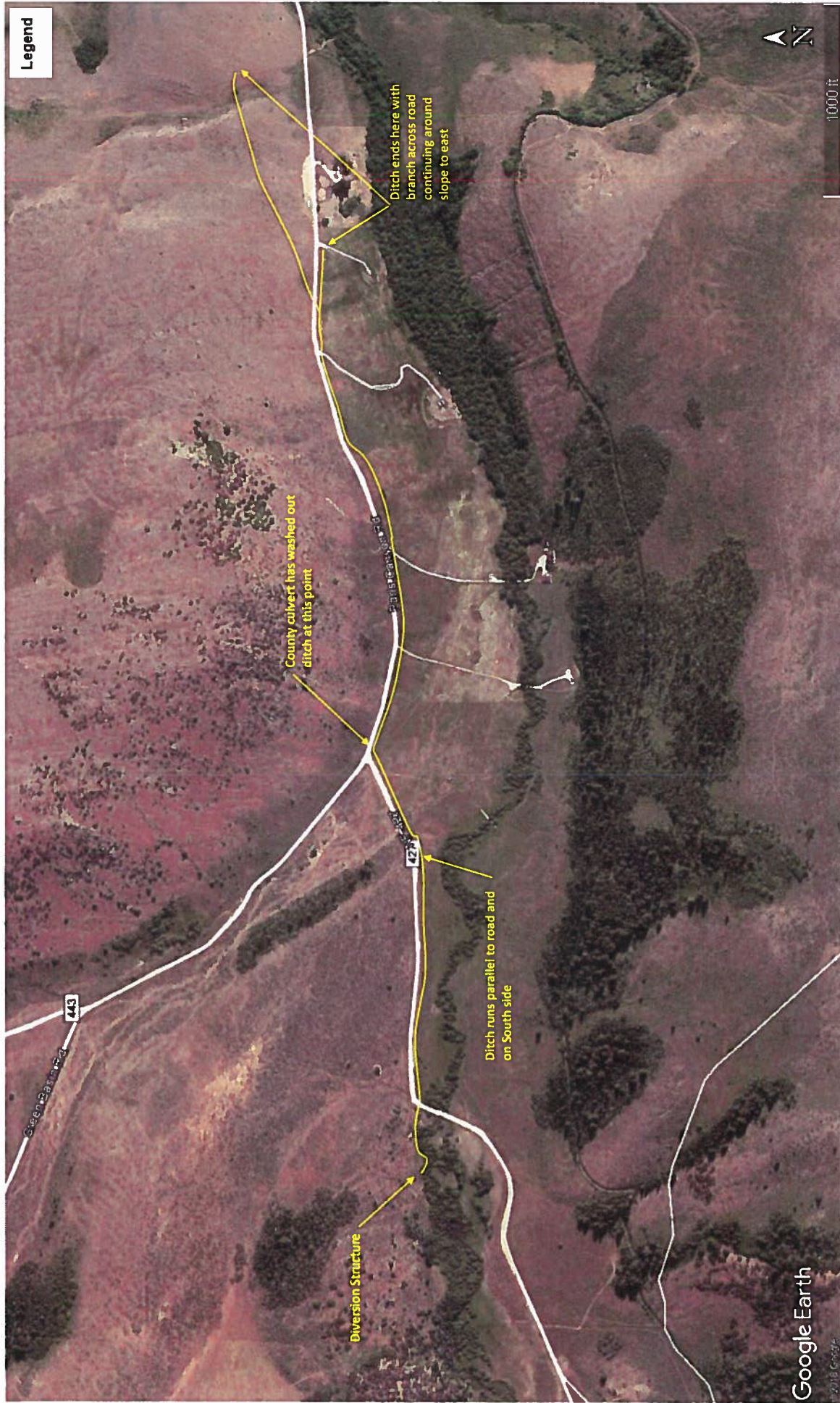


Figure 2. Existing Diversion and Ditch