

MEMORANDUM

TO: 80338 Schaetzel File
FROM: Danie Merriman (Western)
DATE: July 5, 2016
RE: New Meadows site visit

The following is a synopsis of the information that was recovered during a site visit to New Meadows.

Who: Danie Merriman (IDWR) *Angela M. Grimm, PG* Angie Grimm (IDWR) Laurie Birch (Applicant)
Paul Schaetzel (Applicant) Sissy Wallace (Neighbor) Leonard Wallace (Neighbor)
Holly Becker (USFS) Rebecca Haven (USFS) Leigh Bailey (USFS)
Jason Greenway (USFS) Sierra (USFS)

What: Site visit of connection ditch between Sewell Creek and Threemile Creek as location of proposed point of redirection.

Where: Connection ditch between Sewell Creek and Threemile Creek, springs near Threemile Creek by Kalinowski property, and Schaetzel property

When: Thursday June 30, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Condition of the ditch: After rendezvousing with all members of the group, we drove up Old Goose Lake Road to a wide part of the road near the connection ditch. We then proceeded to walk north along the ditch for approximately 1 mile. Although there were a couple of places where water was leaking from the canal down into the forest near the road, the large majority of the ditch was in good condition. It was clearly full and had been transporting water for some time. There were at least two intermittent perennial streams that connected to the ditch and added to the flow. We walked all the way to the point of diversion with Seawell Creek. Although we did not walk any farther south than where we parked, it is assumed that the rest of the ditch is still in working condition and is transporting water.

Point of Diversion: Per GPS coordinates taken at the site (N 45.031944 W -116.177448), the POD is in the same QQ as the POD described in each of the transfer water rights. The diversion is made out of concrete, metal culverts, and wood planks and appears to have been there for quite some time (see site photo #4.) The diversion routes water to the continued Seawell Creek as well the connection ditch.

Injection Point: The injection point that the applicant showed us is not the same as is described in the transfer water rights. The true injection point should be at T19N R02E Sec9 NWNE. During the visit, the applicant took us to T19N R02E Sec 3 SESW (N 45.009692 W -116.203296). This "injection" point is not where the ditch flows into Threemile Creek, but rather where it flows into the next substantial body of water, and intermittent unnamed stream. However, this connection appears to be consistent with the system that is described on the transfer rights. According to the topographic map, there is an intermittent stream that connects with the ditch and flows south, meeting with two other unnamed streams before connecting to Threemile Creek. Although the applicant was incorrect with their understanding of the location of the point of injection, the system appears consistent with the historical use and flow of the water.

Existing Point of Re-Diversion: During the visit, we did not visit any of the existing points of redirection. We did visit a headgate located in Threemile Creek just north of Ed Kalinowski's property in T19N R09N Sec 9 SWNW2. This headgate (see site photo #13) releases water into a ditch that flow through properties owned by



Kalinowski, Henley, Tash, and Wallace before being returned to Threemile Creek on the Schaetzel/Birch property. This rediversion does not appear to be a part of any the rights associated with the transfer, nor with any other rights in the Department database.

New Point of Re-Diversion: We visited the Schaetzel/Birch property and were able to take a GPS point of the location of the proposed point of re-diversion (N 44.9969999, W -116.232851). The applicant proposed to place the new point of rediversion here because it is the point where Threemile Creek is closest to his source of power.

Based on the information collected at this site visit, it is recommended that the applicant continue with the application for transfer using the same historical system but with an added point of re-diversion on their property. An amended application will be requested from the applicant before the proposal is advertised in the local newspaper.

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Transfer 80338
6/30/16

3-5: Point of Diversion

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7-12: "Injection" point

Diversion point on
Threemile to smaller ditch

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Spring #1 (Kalinowski)

Spring #2 (Henley)

14: Proposed re-diversion

Re-entry of water into Threemile Creek

0.2 0.4 0.8 Miles

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