

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Hess Property Site Inspection**  
(south of Lake Fork)

From: J. Westra, Western Reg.  
Date: 10/90/02

RE: Complaint--Pond Construction  
E-mail 10/1/02 Attached

On 10/9/02 I made an on-site inspection of the Hess Property just south of Maki Rd on Hiway 55 near Lake Fork. The property is located on the east side of Hiway 55, 17 N-3E-Sec15-NW of NE, see attached map.

The pond is the result of a gravel extraction (pit) in progress. The outside dimensions of the pit are 300 ft (paced) per side square. The pit depth varies from approx. 1 ft to 10 ft with the northeast and southwest quarters being the lower. Groundwater had been intercepted in the deep areas of cobble rock (approx. 5 ft +), and was standing on the surface. A pump on the east side of the pit was removing seepage water. I did not observe the pumping rate. It appeared some other pipe works was in the process of being installed.

I am not sure if there are future plans for a development near the site. It appeared parcels to the south are being advertised for sale/development. Presently, the area is flood irrigated pasture with water from the Lake Fork Irrigation District/Lake Fork Creek.

Owner Address: Lance Hess  
PO Box 732A  
Lake Fork ID 83635  
Phone: 634-7803  
Cell: 634-6829

10/12/02

Gary,  
Attached is a short report & photos  
of the pond near Lake Fork that we  
received complaints on.

Need to discuss

John

Attachments: Map  
E-mail: G. Spackman  
Photographs

## Westra, John

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**From:** Westra, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2002 9:53 AM  
**To:** Spackman, Gary  
**Subject:** Complaint--Pond south of Lake Fork near hwy 55-- (discussed with you last Friday)

Gary,  
I talked with Lance Hess the property owner. He has been unable the past several years to successfully get his irrigation water through several laterals due to property subdividing and development. He is planning to share the Maki lateral with Maki's; the pond will be a re-diversion/regulation for irrigation pumping. The water source is Lake Fork Irrigation District. I checked with John Leedom the District Manager; Mr. Hess has water rights/shares. John does regulate his delivery off the main ditch, but does not regulate the Maki lateral. He was aware of the lateral delivery issues in that area, and the explanation sounded logical.

I will check the site the next time I'm in the area

John



Photo #1: Pit from the southwest corner, The southwest ¼ is approx. 5 ft deep.



Photo #2: South ½ of the pit, some standing water along the edges, cobble rock along bottom.

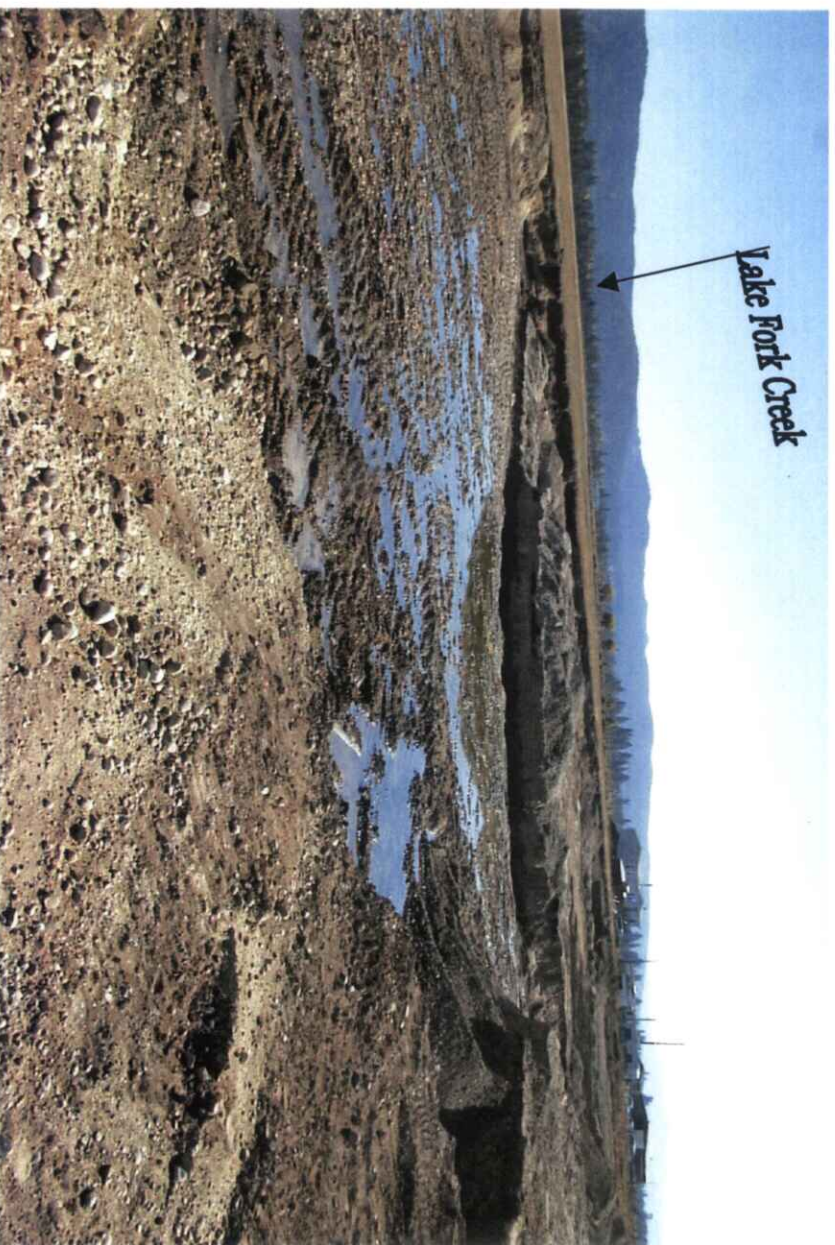


Photo #3: Standing water in the north portion of the pit, considerably deeper.

