

MEMORANDUM

Hally-Scott/Rome Beauty Lateral- New Plymouth Area
Field Complaint

From: J. Westra, IDWR Western Region

Date: 4/1/04

Attendance: Rick York- Farmers Coop

Doug White, Dick Fisher, several users- Rome Beauty Lateral

Bryan Loftin- ITD

Dale- Ontario Pipe Co.

Mr. & Mrs Hally- lateral water user

Mrs. Scott- lateral water user

RE: Lateral Issues

The group met at the Scott and Hally diversion off the lateral just off Hiway 30 approx. 1 mile southwest of New Plymouth. Presently, the Hally's and Scott's diversion is just off the Rome Beauty Lateral just to the north of the Hally driveway and Hiway 30. The lateral flows under the hiway into a diversion junction box. The Hally Scott ditch travels to the northeast from the box, see photos, map. Flows are measured in the ditch by a trapezoidal flume downstream of the diversion box.

There were some questions last season concerning the validity of the measurements from the flume. It was stated the flow upstream of the flume was calm and uniform. There was noted some concrete that had been scoured out on the side of the flume entrance upstream of the throat. The throat area had some silt buildup, but appeared sound. Staff gauges were readable and secure on the flume sides. The lateral representatives, stated they would make the necessary concrete repairs to the flume, (specifications and dimensions were available). As flat as the ditch was, the flume is an ideal measurement device for this application, see photos attached.

The Scott's had purchased pipe to move their diversion from the Hally ditch downstream. The pipe would be buried on the bottom/side of the lateral ditch and run to the Scott property. Gated pipe would then be utilized for irrigating the Scott fields. Mrs. Hally wanted the Scotts to abandon their ditch right-of-way through the Hally property. Mrs Scott had reservations about doing this, not knowing if the gated pipe setup would work for the back portion of their property. Mrs. Hally had trespassing concerns with the lateral group burying the pipe and coming on the Hally property. Mr. York stated, the lateral group has a right to maintain the lateral ditch within a reasonable width right of way along the ditch. To which I agreed, stating that it is addressed in the Idaho Code. The lateral representatives stated, they would stay off the Hally lawn, and complete the construction from the ditch bottom. The disturbed ditch bank would be reseeded. The construction would have to be completed before water was put in the ditch next week. Mrs. Hally was very reluctant to cooperate, focusing on the trespass issue. She requested the proposal in writing, and also would need time to think about it. After more discussion, Mrs. Hally had to leave. Project details were being worked out with her husband, the lateral group, and the contractor when Mr. York and I left for New Plymouth.

-I have concerns the two parties will have limited ability to utilize the water when the flow is divided, each having a such a small flow.



Photo #1: Rome Beauty Lateral looking north on the Hally property.



Photo #2: Hally-Scott Ditch from the diversion box.