

Yellowstone

Township 2 North, Range 23 East

2S

23E

Water User

Baker, W. O.
Coombs, Edw. L.
Coombs, W. M. Est.
Flood, J. E.
Fox, Jacob
Fox, John Sr.
Frank, Jacob
Harding, Casper
Hilgert, Fred
Jones, R. N.
Metzger, L. A.
Munoz, Joe
Nutting, L. A.
Oswaldt, Conrad
Royalty, R. F.
Schreimer, Adam, Jr.
Shay, Ethel O.
Shay, K. R.
Shay, H. N.
Stahley, P. H.
Story, Lura A.
Thacker, S. W.
Thornton, Florence
Whitham, Lillian
Wold, J. O.
Yegen, Peter Jr.

(Form WR-5 - A Study of Montana's Water Resources)

STATE OF MONTANA
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
WATER RESOURCES SURVEY

Township 5S Range 10E County Judith

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Township..... Range.....

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User W. O. Baker Address Route 1, Laurel

2. Stream Big Little Tributary to Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section 1/4 Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System Small dam & ditch

5. Type of Irrigation Surface

6. Original Appropriator W. O. Baker Address Laurel

7. First Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 23.1

8. Maximum Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 23.1

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 23.1

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description N 1/2 of E 80 A SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

WITNESS: _____

Information by W. O. Baker

Place Laurel

XXXXXX
Billings,
November 16, 1942

Mr. W. C. Baker
Route 1, Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Baker:

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Hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Gravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh
enc

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Lucia Borgiana Address Laurel

2. Stream Italian Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System gravity ditch

5. Type of Irrigation gravity

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 60

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 120 potential

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 60.0 83 acres

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System good

12. Land Description S1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, Sec 23, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

no other changes

no other

All under

Italian Ditch

WITNESS: _____

Information by Lucia Borgiana
Place _____

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information U.S.G.

1. Water User Lincoln Petroleum Address Bozeman

2. Stream Stanton Tributary to Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section Township Range

4. Description of System

5. Type of Irrigation

6. Original Appropriator Address

7. First Use: Year Acres Irrigated

8. Maximum Use: Year Acres Irrigated

9. Present Use: Year 1980 Acres Irrigated

10. Last Use: Year Why Abandoned

11. Condition of System

12. Land Description , T 28 , R 28 S

Remarks:

WITNESS: Information by

 Place

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November 16, 1942

Lucia Borgiana
Laurel, Montana

Dear Miss Borgiana:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Gravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh
enc

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Edw. L. Coombs Address Laurel

2. Stream Big & Cove Ditches Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System Head gate & laterals

5. Type of Irrigation Gravity

6. Original Appropriator Big & Cove Ditches Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated ✓

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 189.4

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 186.4 189.4

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description 80 A. in W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 11 - 107 A. So of T 2S R 23E

Cove Ditch, 53 A. No. of Cove Ditch in

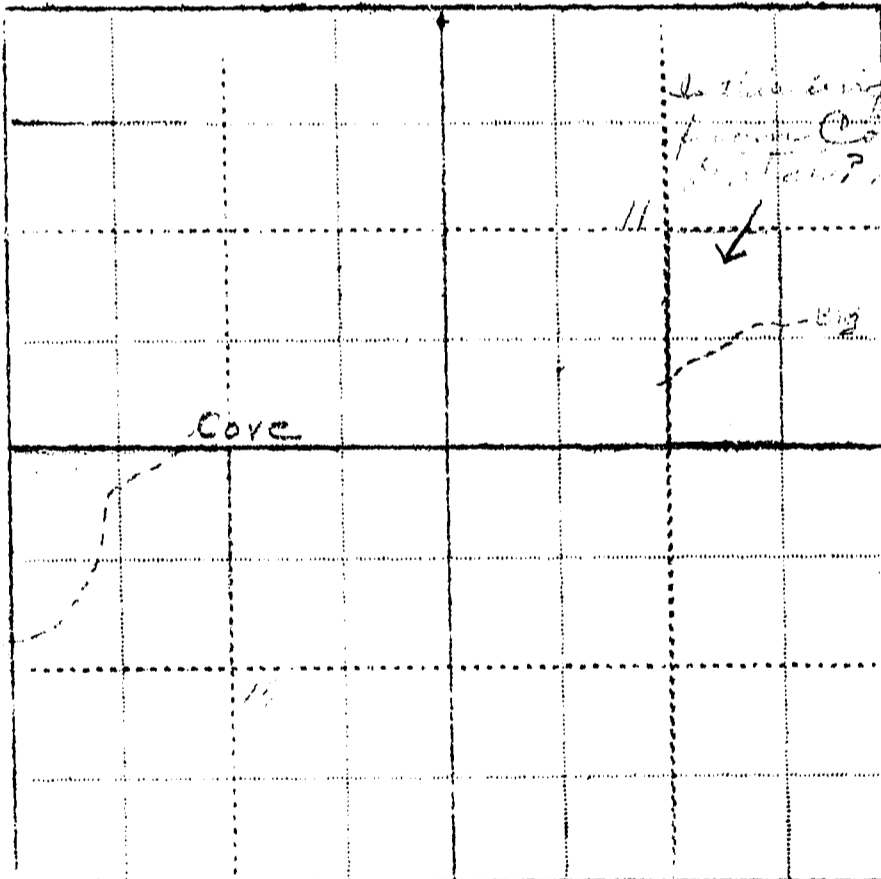
Remarks: NW 1/4 Sec. 15

Has 35 shares under

Big Ditch and

49 shares under

Cove Ditch



WITNESS: Letter

Information by _____

Place _____



STATE OF MONTANA

STATE ENGINEER

Billings,
HELENA, MONTANA
November 13, 1942

Mr. Edward Coombs
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Coombs:

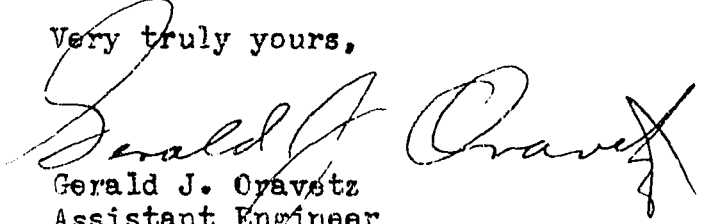
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Hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Very truly yours,


Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh

FORM SM-1

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

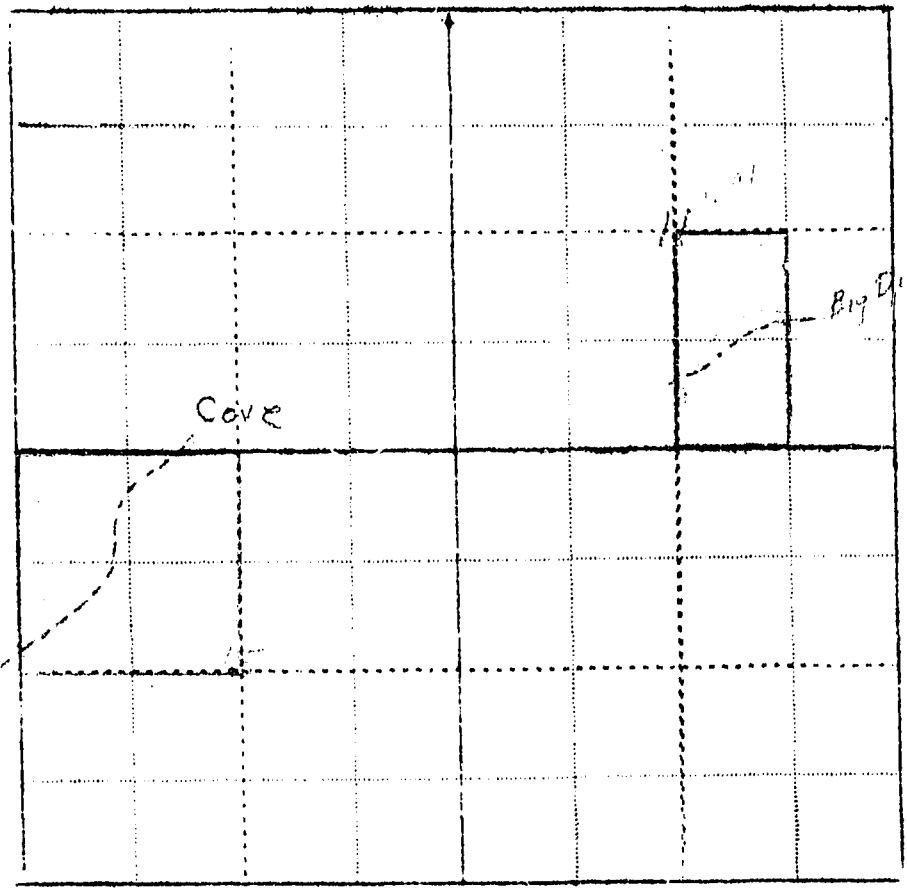
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- County Yellowstone Source of Information RR 966R
1. Water User Edmond, Corbale Address land
2. Stream Big & Cove Tributary to Basin Yellowstone
3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section Township Range
4. Description of System
5. Type of Irrigation
6. Original Appropriator Address
7. First Use: Year Acres Irrigated
8. Maximum Use: Year Acres Irrigated
9. Present Use: Year Acres Irrigated 186.4 1/4
10. Last Use: Year Why Abandoned
11. Condition of System
12. Land Description Sec 11-107P, Sec 11-107P, Sec 11-107P, T 28, R 23 E.
53th. No. 2 of Sec. 11-107P, Sec 15

Remarks:

SE Big & Cove

Big & Cove Ditch



WITNESS: Information by

Place

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November 13, 1942

Mr. Edward Coombs
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Coombs:

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Gerald J. Gravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User W. M. Coombs, Sr. Address Laurel

2. Stream Big Ditch Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System head water + laterals

5. Type of Irrigation Gravity

6. Original Appropriator W. M. Coombs Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year 1938 Acres Irrigated 151

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 120 131

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

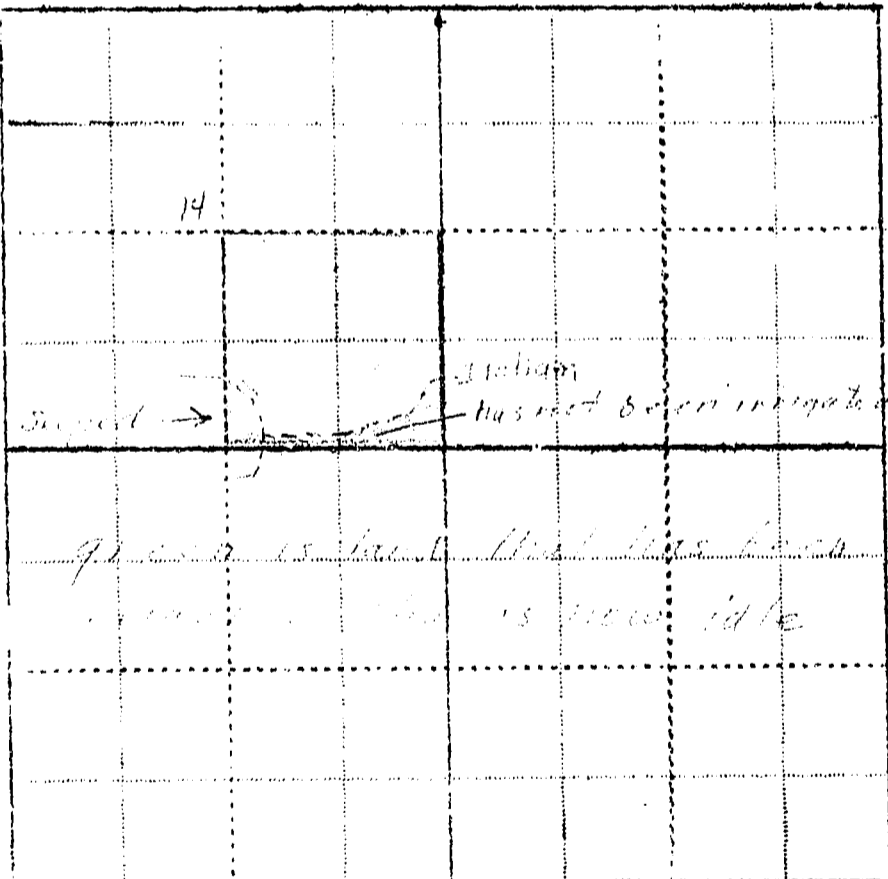
11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description SE 1/4, Sec. 14, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks:

Has no share under Big Ditch

is abandoned



WITNESS: [Signature] Information by [Signature]
Place [Signature]

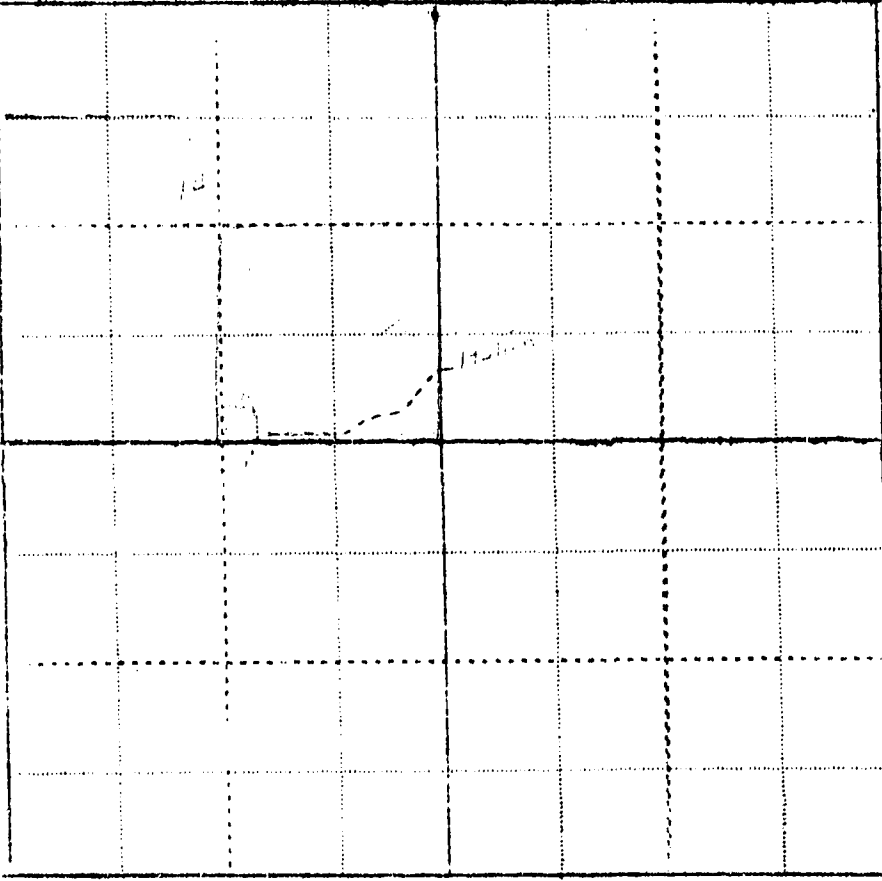
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A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

- County Yellowstone Source of Information AAA 967
- 1. Water User W.M. Coombs Address Laurel
- 2. Stream Big Hole Tributary to Basin Yellowstone
- 3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section Township Range
- 4. Description of System
- 5. Type of Irrigation
- 6. Original Appropriator Address
- 7. First Use; Year Acres Irrigated
- 8. Maximum Use; Year Acres Irrigated
- 9. Present Use; Year 1941 Acres Irrigated
- 10. Last Use; Year Why Abandoned
- 11. Condition of System
- 12. Land Description SE 1/4 Sec 14 - T 28 R 23 E

Remarks:

40
has 40 acres
in Big Hole



WITNESS: Information by
 Place

Billings,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
November 16, 1942

*Division of Life Sciences
Billings, Montana*

Mr. W. M. Coombs
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Coombs:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh
enc.

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User J. E. Flood Address Park City, Mont.

2. Stream Big Ditch Tributary to Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section Township Range

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use; Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use; Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use; Year _____ Acres Irrigated 2-A.

10. Last Use; Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description W 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 23, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Flow mainly from
land above

The Land described
above is not irrigated
I only use it for
pasture and
own no water
in the Big Ditch
years only.

J. E. Flood

County also has this land
but is not irrigated in
the past

WITNESS: _____ Information by _____

Place _____

FORM SM-1

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County _____ Source of Information _____

1. Water User _____ Address _____

2. Stream _____ Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description _____, T _____, R _____

Remarks: _____

Horizontal lines for additional text or notes.

Grid table with 4 columns and 10 rows, used for mapping or data recording.

WITNESS:

Information by

Billings,
xxxxxxx
November 16, 1942

Mr. J. E. Flood
Park City, Montana

Dear Mr. Flood:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh
enc

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Hydromet Source of Information File 988

1. Water User Robert J. J. Address Park City, Mont

2. Stream Big Lost Creek Tributary to Yellowstone Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section 1/4 Township Range

4. Description of System Hydroelectric installation

5. Type of Irrigation Gravity

6. Original Appropriator Address

7. First Use: Year Acres Irrigated When Big Lost System was build

8. Maximum Use: Year Acres Irrigated 143.5 wood that can be irrigated

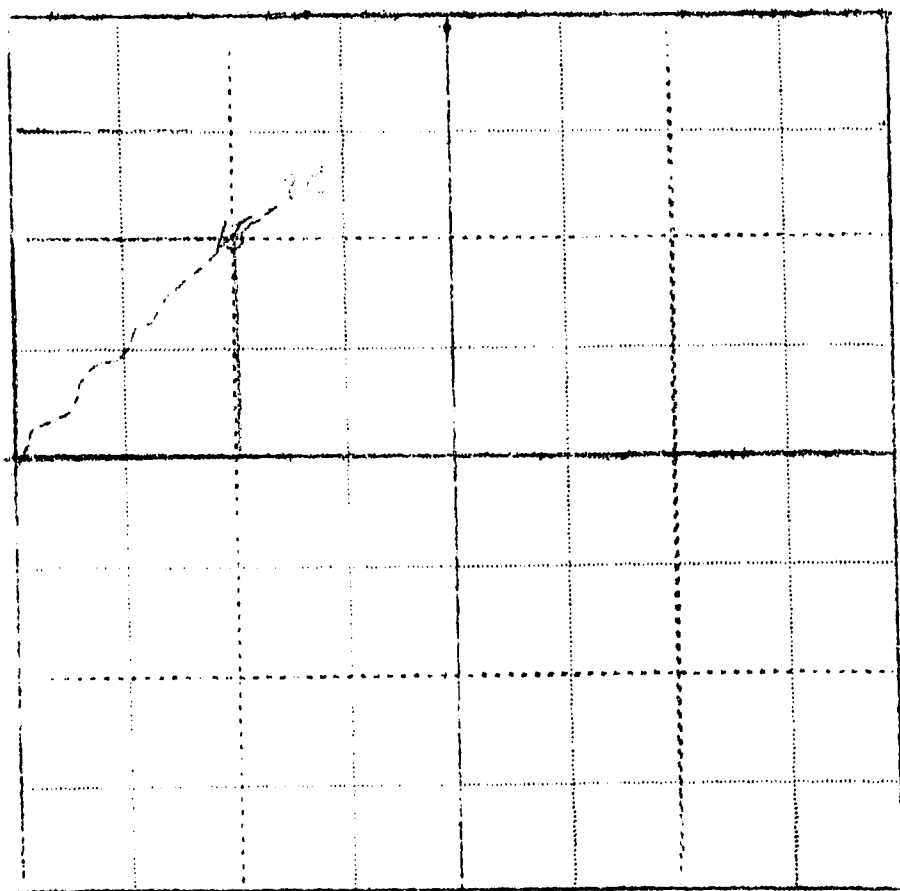
9. Present Use: Year Acres Irrigated

10. Last Use: Year Why Abandoned

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description , T 28, R 23E

Remarks:
22 Big Lost
67 Lost Creek
Had a shortage
of water in
irrigation season
of 1939



WITNESS: J. M. Smith

Information by Robert J. J.
Place Billings Office, Jan 27

1942

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November, 17, 1942

Mr. Jacob Fox, Jr.
Park City, Montana

Dear Mr. Fox:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh
enc

Billings.

January 2, 1943

Mr. Jacob Fox, Jr.
Park City, Montana

Dear Mr. Fox:

On November 17, 1942 we sent you a letter asking for certain information pertaining to your irrigated land in Township 2 South 23 East. To date we have not heard from you. It is essential that we have this information in order to show the extent of water use in the Yellowstone Basin. This information is necessary to insure present and future development in the irrigation enterprises in the state.

The 1939 Session of the Montana Legislature enacted a law (Sec. 349.68 Montana Session Laws) requiring the State Engineer to investigate and prepare a complete record of all water rights in the state. In compliance with this law all water users in the state are being requested to supply information regarding their use of water.

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Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information Jan 1927

1. Water User Johns Food Sv. Address Ute 1 Laurel

2. Stream Big & Coone Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year 1951 Acres Irrigated 150

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description N 1/4, Sec 16, T 25, R 23 E

Remarks:

35 Big Laurel
of Big Laurel

Big Laurel 500
10

WITNESS: _____ Information by Johns Food Sv. Co.
 Place Big Laurel

Billings,

~~XXXXXXXX~~
November 17, 1942

Mr. John Fox, Sr.
Route 1
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Fox:

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XXXXXXXXXX
Billings,
January 2, 1943

Mr. John Fox, Sr.
Route 1
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Fox:

On November 17, 1942 we sent you a letter asking for certain information pertaining to your irrigated land in Township 2 South 23 East. To date we have not heard from you. It is essential that we have this information in order to show the extent of water use in the Yellowstone Basin. This information is necessary to insure present and future development in the irrigation enterprises in the state.

The 1939 Session of the Montana Legislature enacted a law (Sec. 349.68 Montana Session Laws) requiring the State Engineer to investigate and prepare a complete record of all water rights in the state. In compliance with this law all water users in the state are being requested to supply information regarding their use of water.

In order to facilitate this work a branch office of the State Engineer has been established in the old Roosevelt School Building in Billings. This is the same building in which the A. A. A. office is located. If you cannot supply us with the information we requested, it may be that you can tell us of someone who can. If any of this is not clear to you, we will appreciate your calling on us the next time you are in Billings, or you may phone us at 3777.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Cravetz
Assistant Engineer

HJC/rh

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Jacob Frank Address Laurel

2. Stream Jordan Creek Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion W 1/4 W 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation ditch & siphon

6. Original Appropriator Jacob Frank Address Laurel

7. First Use: Year 1930 Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 105

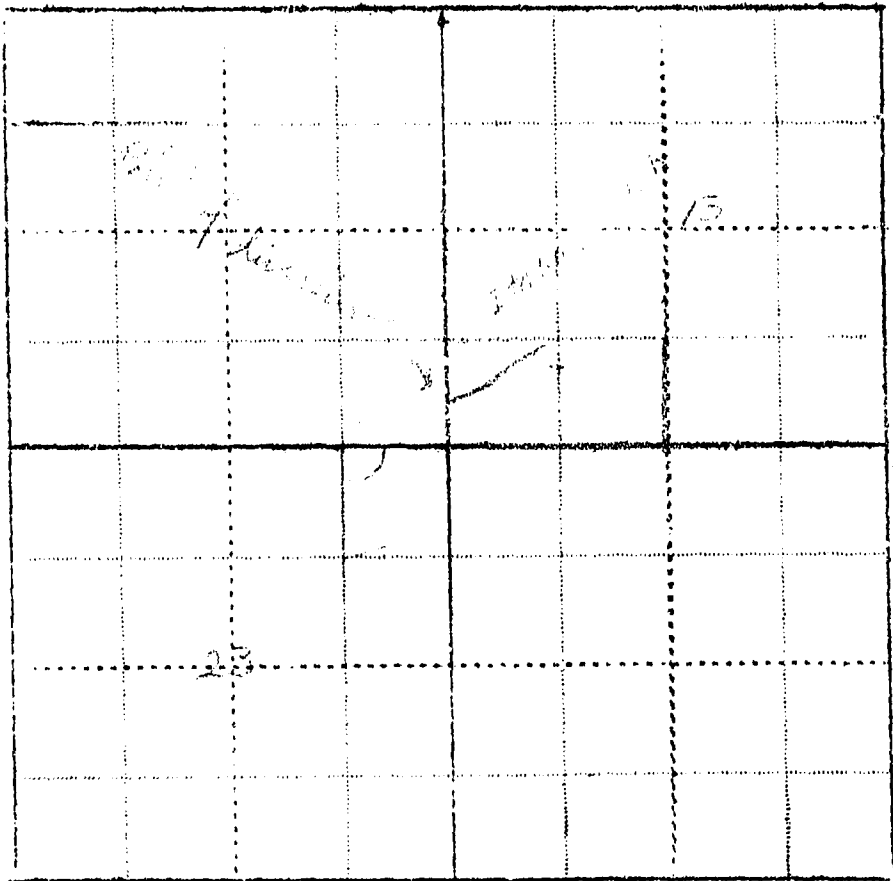
10. Last Use: Year 1941 Why Abandoned system abandoned

11. Condition of System good

12. Land Description E 1/4 Sec. 23 S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 13, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 25 acres
under irrigation
with
100 ft. siphon
from the creek
at right angle to main
canal with a 100
ft. siphon from the
channel in Bay
area



WITNESS: _____

Information by _____

Place _____

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A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information RCA 995

1. Water User Jacob Frank Address Laurel Mont

2. Stream Malheur Tributary to Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section Township Range

4. Description of System

5. Type of Irrigation

6. Original Appropriator Address

7. First Use: Year Acres Irrigated

8. Maximum Use: Year Acres Irrigated

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 88.8 105

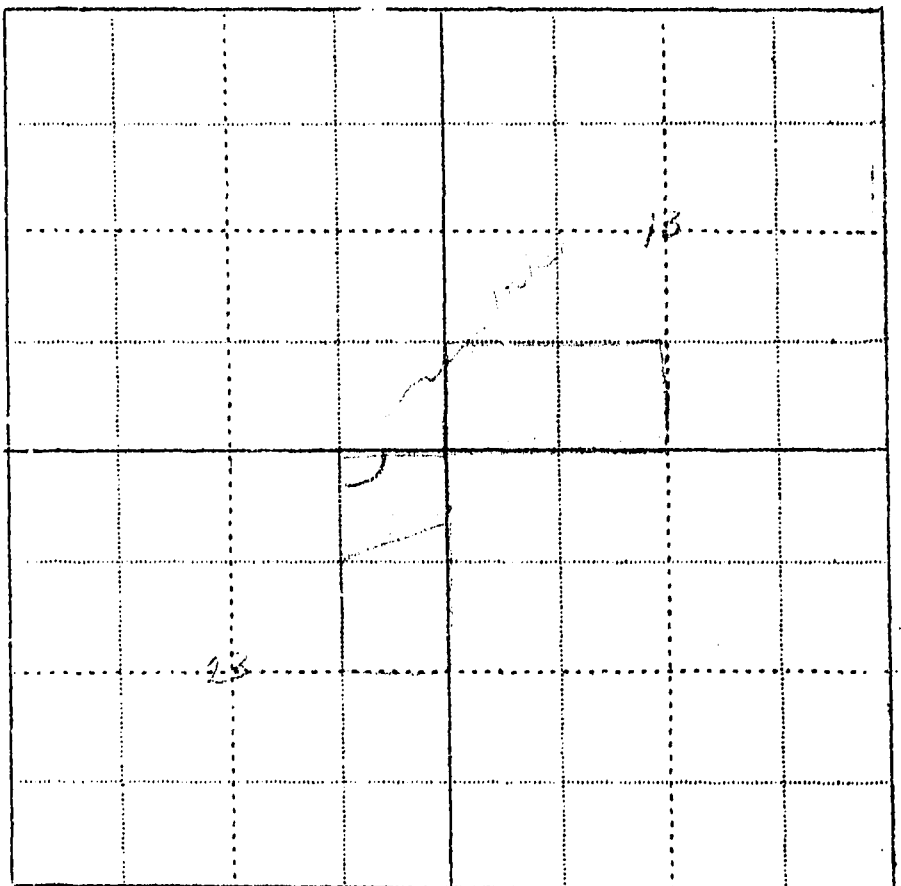
10. Last Use: Year Why Abandoned

11. Condition of System

12. Land Description E 7/8, Sec 23 - S 1/4, Sec 13, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks:

70 - Malheur



WITNESS: Information by

Place

Billings,
XXXXXXXXX
November 17, 1942

Mr. Jacob Frank
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Frank:

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Much of the information needed to show the extent of water use must come directly from those using water. We are therefore asking you to help us. We would like to know if the information we have compiled on the enclosed form of your farm is correct. The irrigated land is shown in blue. Our record shows that you irrigate from the Italian Ditch in which you own 70 shares, and we would like to know if all your land is irrigated from this ditch. If you have any land that is effected by seepage or land that has been irrigated which is now idle, please indicate on the enclosed map. If our record is not correct will you please give us the correct information by writing it under remarks on the enclosed form, and mail it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Delay in this matter may mean less water and development of our irrigation resources in the future. Any information you may give us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh
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A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Casper Harding Address Laurel

2. Stream Mill Ditch Tributary to Yellowstone Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section 25 Township 2 S Range 23 E

4. Description of System O.K. Head gate & ditch

5. Type of Irrigation flood

6. Original Appropriator C. K. Dickerson Address Duluth Minn

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated could irrigate 116 of drained

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 74.6

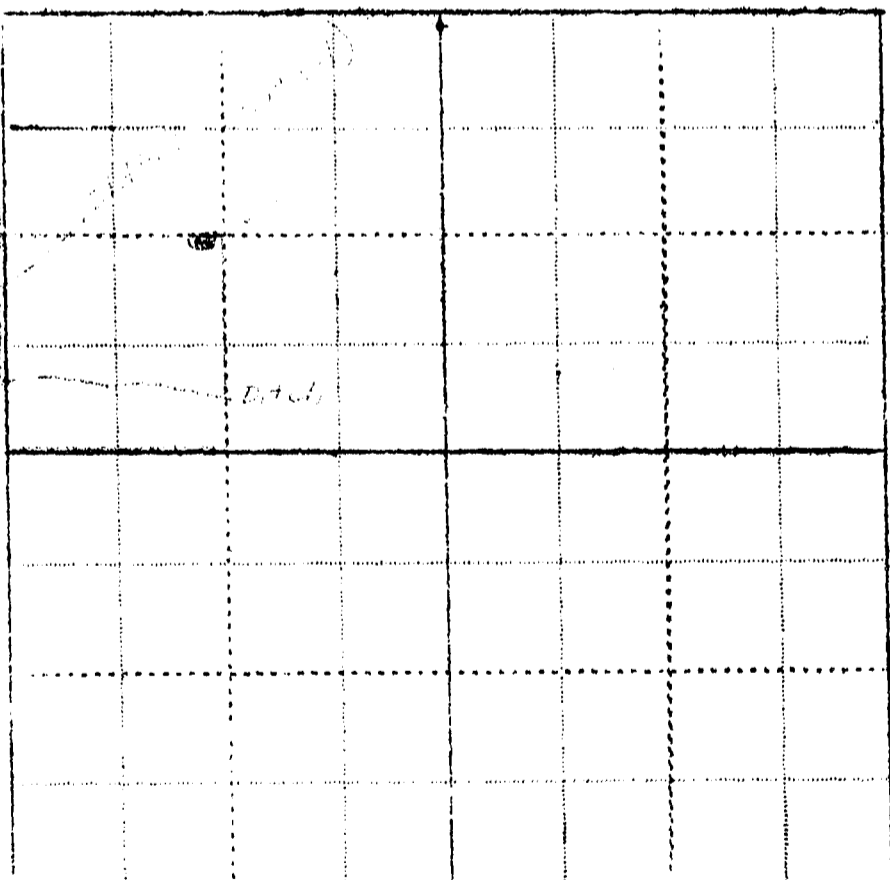
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description SW 1/4, Sec. 25, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 14 shares
under 1000
acres
We don't know when
the ditch was first used
with the old main canal
The last use was
abandoned because of poor
ditch
N.E. corner & south
37 acres are irrigated



WITNESSES: _____

Information by Casper Harding
Place Laurel

Billings,
XXXXXXXX
November 17, 1942

Mr. Casper Harding
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Harding:

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Much of the information needed to show the extent of water use must come directly from those using water. We are therefore asking you to help us. We would like to know if the information we have compiled on the enclosed form of your farm is correct. The irrigated land is shown in blue. Our record shows that you irrigate from the Old Mill Ditch in which you own 16 shares, and we would like to know if all your land is irrigated from this ditch. If you have any land that is effected by seepage or land that has been irrigated which is now idle, please indicate on the enclosed map. If our record is not correct will you please give us the correct information by writing it under remarks on the enclosed form, and mail it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Delay in this matter may mean less water and development of our irrigation resources in the future. Any information you may give us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Assistant Engineer

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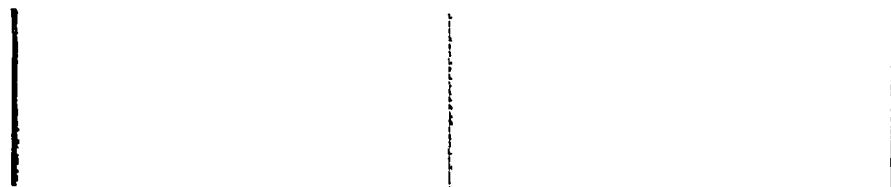
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Notice of Appropriation

1. County Yellowstone Book C Page 578 Record Misc.
2. Name of Appropriator Samuel M. Hise Address Laurel, Mont.
3. Date Appropriated June 19, 1902 Date Filed June 27, 1902
 Amount Appropriated, Miners Inches _____, Cubic Feet per second 5
4. Name of Stream Rich Spring Tributary _____ Basin _____
5. Point of Diversion At a point of waste water flume of Old Mill Ditch in NE⁴
 Sec. 23 Twp. 2S Rge. 23E Bank of Stream _____
6. Purpose Irrigation, water stock & other
7. Description of System Ditch 4 ft. wide on bottom, 2 ft. deep & 6 ft. wide on top. Runs SE to sec. 25 & 36 and a branch extends from a point on sec. 25 to sec. 24. Length of ditch will be 1 1/2 to 2 miles from diversion point to final discharge
8. Land Description of Intended Place of Use E²W², W²SW⁴ sec 25, 2S, 23E
SW⁴ " 24, 2S, 23E
Part of " 36, 2S, 23E
9. Remarks (Pertaining to Use, etc.) In NW⁴ of sec. 23, 2S, 23E also slough waters & seepage of Italian Ditch which gather on NW⁴ of sec. 23, 2S, 23E

Decree

10. Case No. _____ Date _____ Amt. Decreed: M. I. _____ C. F. S. _____
11. To Whom Decreed _____ Address _____
12. Name of Ditch _____ Maximum Capacity (C. F. S.) _____



A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Fred Hilgert Address Laurel

2. Stream Big S Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator Hilgert Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 181.3

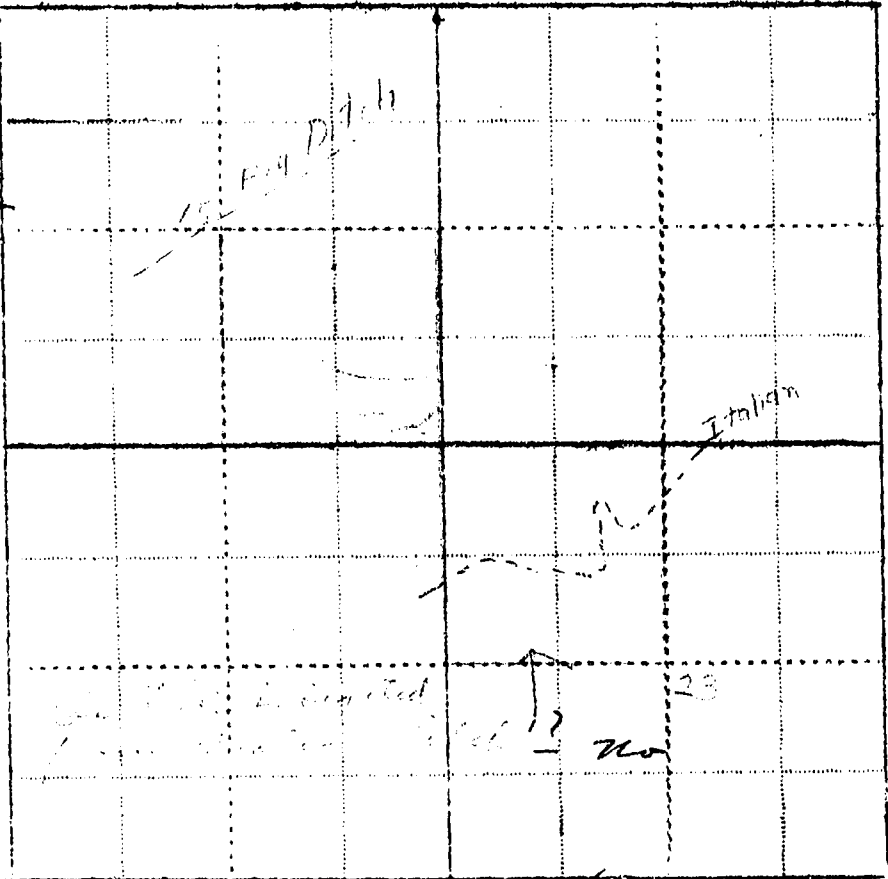
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description SE 1/4 Sec. 15, NW 1/4 Sec. 23, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 50 shares
under Big S
and none in the
Italian ditch, however
some of the NW 1/4 of section
23 could be irrigated there
from, as things stand I
have no shares in the
Italian ditch, only the
50 shares in the big ditch
as per your record



WITNESS: Letter

Information by Fred Hilgert

Place Laurel, Mont.

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A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information A. G. A. # 1069

1. Water User Fred Hilgert Address Laurel Mont.

2. Stream Big Indian Tributary to Yellowstone Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 181.3

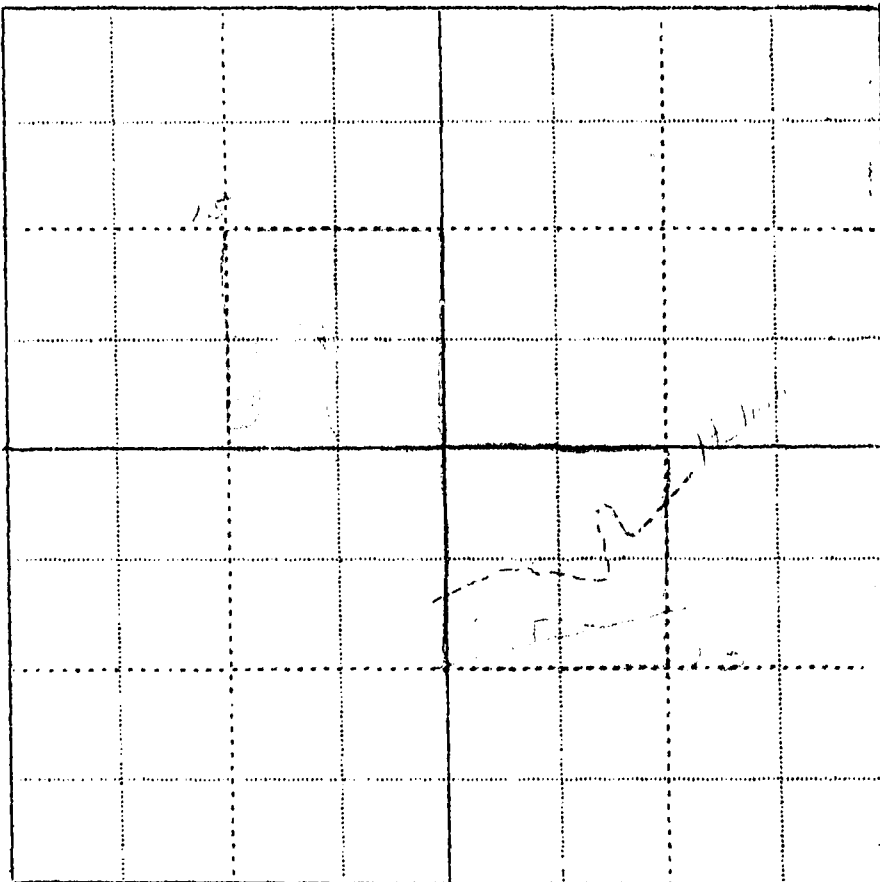
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description SE 1/4 Sec 15, NW 1/4 Sec 23, T 28, R 23E

Remarks: _____

50 Big Ditch



WITNESS: _____ Information by _____

Place _____

Billings, Montana
November 13, 1942
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mr. Fred Hilgert
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Hilgert:

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Much of the information needed to show the extent of water use must come directly from those using water. We are therefore asking you to help us. We would like to know if the information we have for your farms is correct. On the enclosed form we have mapped your farms and have shown the irrigated land in blue. Our record shows that you irrigate from the Italian and Big Ditches, but we are not sure as to what part of your land is irrigated from each ditch. We, therefore, would like to have you indicate on the enclosed map the land irrigated from each ditch, and any land that is effected by seepage or land that has been irrigated which is now idle. If our record is not correct, will you please give us the correct information by writing it under remarks on the enclosed form, and mail it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Delay in this matter may mean less water and development of our irrigation resources in the future. Any information you may give us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Gravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information R. N. Jones, Securities Bldg., Billings

1. Water User Henry Frank (Tenant) Address Route 1, Laurel

2. Stream Cove Ditch Tributary to Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section Township Range

4. Description of System Open ditch

5. Type of Irrigation Gravity

6. Original appropriator Deville P. McNeil Address Butte City

7. First Use: Year Acres Irrigated

8. Maximum Use: Year 1911 Acres Irrigated 155

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 145

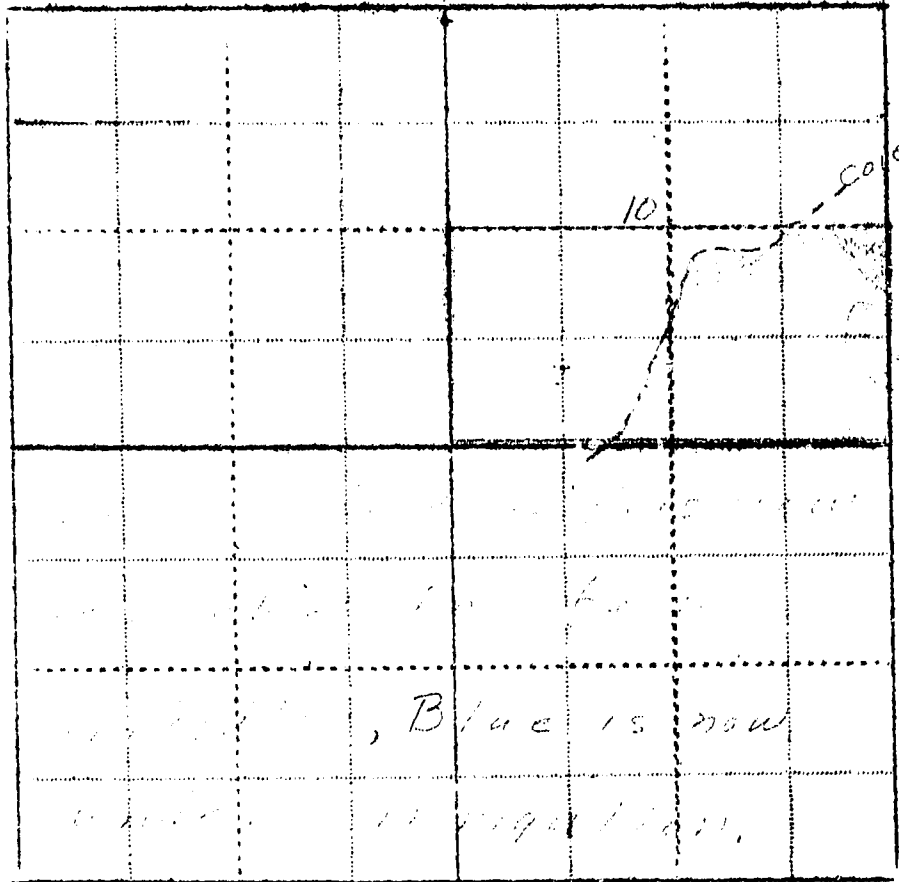
10. Last Use: Year Why Abandoned

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description That part of Sec. 10 lying So. and E. of Cove Ditch that part of S 1/4 Sec. 10 No. and W 1/4 T 2S, R 23E of Cove Ditch

Remarks:

400 acres
under Cove Ditch
900 acres per
100 acres used



WITNESS: Information by
Place

LAW OFFICES
ROBERT N. JONES
Securities Building
BILLINGS, MONTANA

November 18, 1942

Mr. Gerald J. Oravetz
Box 873
Billings, Montana

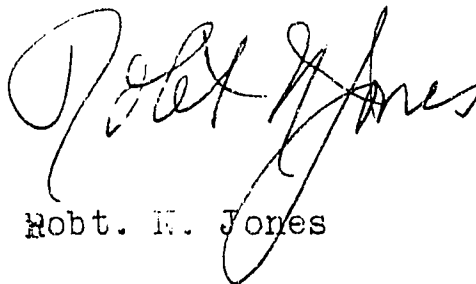
Dear Sir:

The only thing I can add to the enclosed plat and information which you have is that there is about ten or fifteen acres of seeped land which I have indicated on the plat with a lead pencil. This is seeped although it is still irrigated and is productive.

The total acreage irrigated is 145 acres.

I might say that the Security Mutual Life Insurance Company, which owns the land and whom I represent, owns additional land in the southwest quarter of said section and there is some eighty or ninety acres there that is very susceptible to irrigation. Before we entered the war we had a survey made and arrangements completed to pump water from the Cove Ditch on our land to irrigate this additional land which we intend to do as soon as we are permitted to secure pipe for that purpose. This is excellent land and its topography is such that it would be easily irrigated and it is now under cultivation as dry land. This irrigation could be put into effect at a small cost.

Yours very truly,


Robt. N. Jones

J:v

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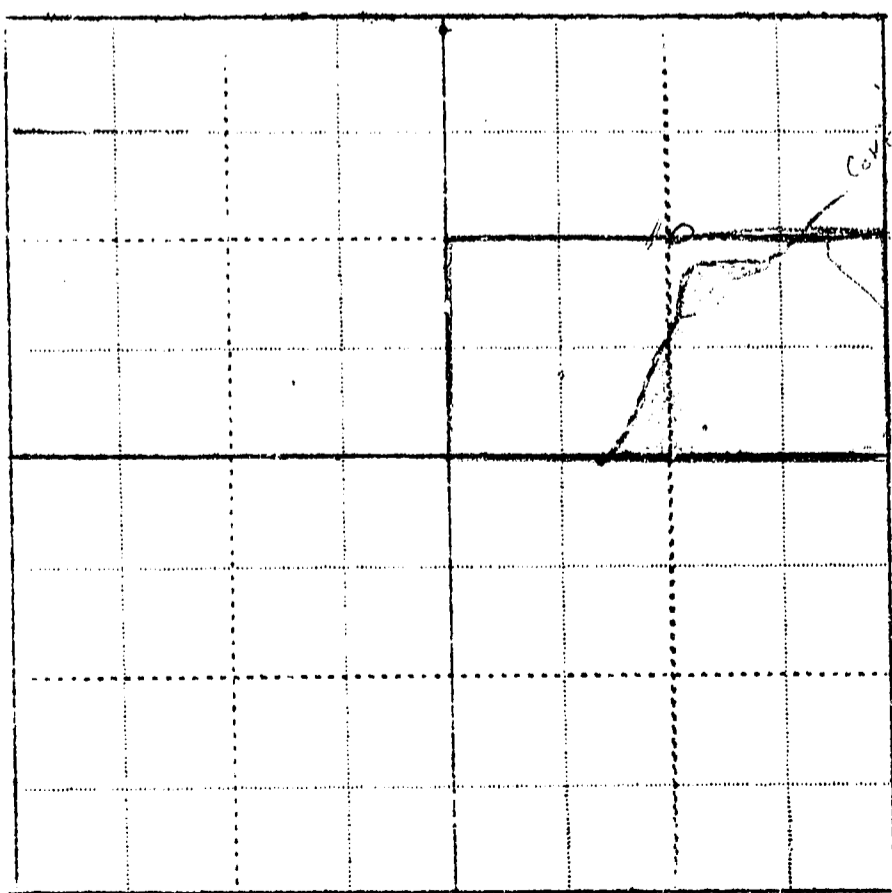
A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information 229-1077-1078

- 1. Water User Security Mutual Life Ins. Co. Address 211 N. Jones, Sec Bldg, Billings
- 2. Stream Cove Ditch Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone
- 3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____
- 4. Description of System _____
- 5. Type of Irrigation _____
- 6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____
- 7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____
- 8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____
- 9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated _____
- 10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____
- 11. Condition of System _____
- 12. Land Description That part of Sec 10 T2S R23E of Cove Ditch 2-8-23 E

Remarks: _____

141 - Cove Ditch



WITNESS: _____ Information by _____
Place _____

Show Frank, Rte 1, Laramie,
 Wyoming

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November 17, 1942

Mr. R. N. Jones
Securities Building
Billings, Montana

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Congress of the United States has granted consent to the States of Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for the division of the waters of the Yellowstone River between the respective states. The Yellowstone River Compact Commission has been created and authorized to draw up this agreement. The adjoining states have already completed their records of their water use in the Yellowstone Basin for the protection of their rights. It is therefore necessary that we do the same in Montana in order to protect the rights of the water users in our state. This agreement, when reached, will vitally effect each and every water user in the Yellowstone Basin.

Much of the information needed to show the extent of water use must come directly from those using water. We are therefore asking you to help us. We would like to know if the information we have compiled on the enclosed form of your farm is correct. Our record shows that you irrigate from the Cove Ditch in which you own 141 shares, and we would like to know if all your land is irrigated from this ditch. If you have any land that is effected by seepage or land that has been irrigated which is now idle, please indicate on the enclosed map. If our record is not correct will you please give us the correct information by writing it under remarks on the enclosed form, and mail it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Delay in this matter may mean less water and development of our irrigation resources in the future. Any information you may give us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Oravetz
Assistant Engineer

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Notice of Appropriation

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- 1. County Yellowstone Book D. Page 135 Record Misc.
- 2. Name of Appropriator Don H. McNeill Address Becking Mont.
- 3. Date Appropriated March 2, 1903 Date Filed March 21, 1903
- Amount Appropriated, Miners Inches _____, Cubic Feet per second 50
- * 4. Name of Stream Benedict Gulch Tributary _____ Basin _____
- 5. Point of Diversion Near center of NW 1/4 SW 1/4

Sec. 10 Twp. 2 So. Rge. 23 E. Bank of Stream _____

- 6. Purpose for irrigation, water for stock & recreation.
- 7. Description of System Dam, reservoir & ditches. Dam across the mouth of Benedict gulch, about 65 ft. long, 20 ft wide at base & 10 ft wide on top & 6 ft high, constructed of dirt, timber, stone & rock, intending the same to be a reservoir for the debris accumulated waters. Small ditch to be run from reservoir at point of diversion (see below)
- 8. Land Description of Intended Place of Use SW 1/4 Sec. 10 2 So 23 East.

- * 9. Remarks (Pertaining to Use, etc.) Having its mouth on NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 10 2 So. 23 E which with cold & snow & rain water more or less during that season of the year.

~~Decree~~ ↓

- 10. Case No. _____ Date _____ Am. Decreed: M. I. _____ C. F. S. _____
- 11. To Whom Decreed _____ Address _____
- 12. Name of Ditch _____ Maximum Capacity (C. F. S.) _____
- 13. Date of Priority _____ Purpose _____
- 14. Land Description of Place of Use as Decreed land surveyed over & upon said land. Ditch and reservoir if necessary will be from 500 ft. to 1/4 mile long, running S.E. from dam or reservoir and will be 1 ft. wide on bottom, 18 in. on top
- 15. Remarks (Present Use Status, etc) _____

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User L. A. Metzger Address Laurel

2. Stream Cove Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System Headgate & ditch

5. Type of Irrigation Surface

6. Original Appropriator Frank B. Mitchell Address Park City, Mont

7. First Use: Year 1936 Acres Irrigated ✓

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 170.3 would be irrigated

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 154

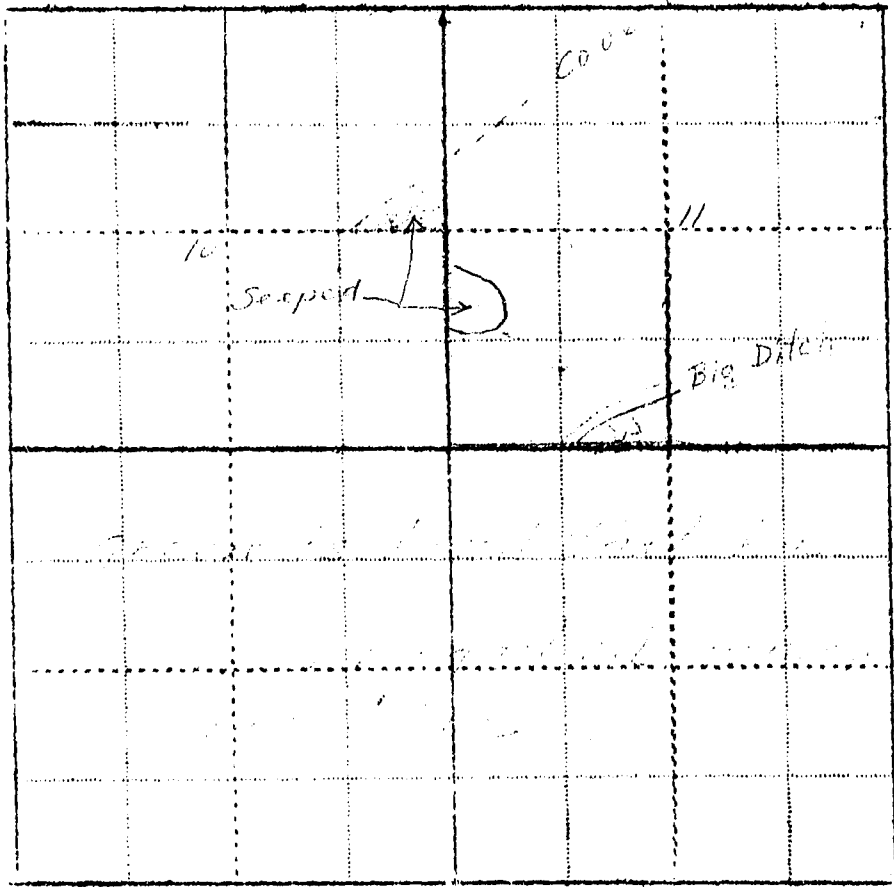
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned ✓

11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description NE 1/4 Sec. 10 - SW 1/4 Sec. 11, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 193 acres
under Cove
Ditch
No water from
big Ditch
about 11 acres
seeped



WITNESS: _____

Information by L. A. Metzger
Place Laurel

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User Louis^A Metzger Address Route 1, Laurel

2. Stream Cove Ditch Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 40

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description Sec. 2 & 3, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 197 shares
under Cove Ditch
same as list but
with some irrigation
...
...
...
...
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		3		2	

Cove
is this all irrigated
from the Cove Ditch
Yes

WITNESS: _____ Information by _____

Place _____

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A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information Bill 1051 F

1. Water User L. H. Metzger Address Lead

2. Stream Cone Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 175.3

9. Present Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 175

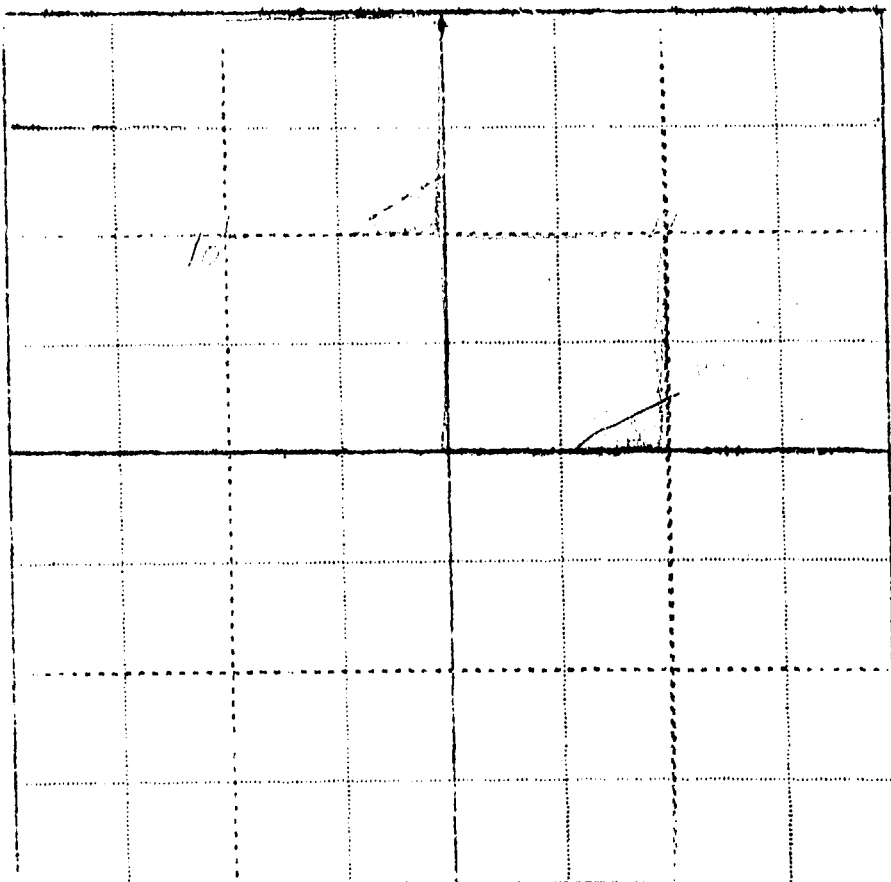
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description Sec 10-24, Sec 11, T 25, R 23E

Remarks: _____

356 Cone ditch



FORM SM-1

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County _____ Source of Information _____

1. Water User _____ Address _____

2. Stream Cave Creek Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

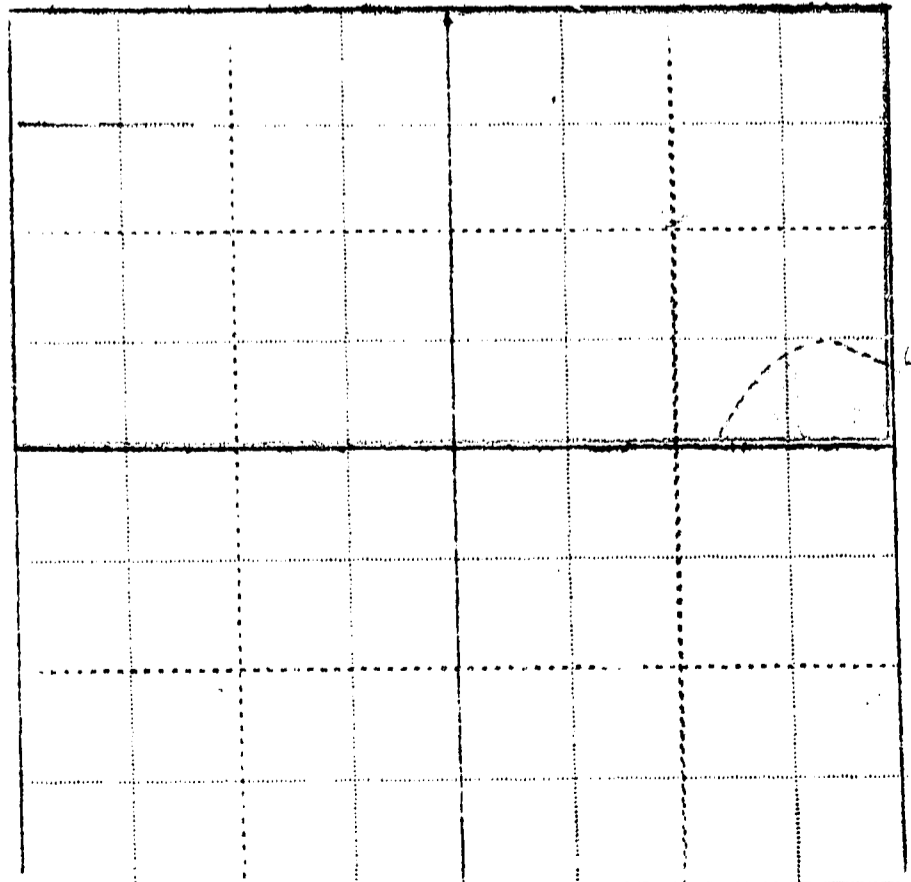
10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description _____, T _____, R 23N

Remarks: _____

37 Cave Creek



WITNESS: _____ Information by _____

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November 17, 1942

Mr. Louis Metzger
Route 1
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Metzger:

The Congress of the United States has granted consent to the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River between the respective states. The Yellowstone River Compact Commission has been created and authorized to draw up this agreement. The adjoining states have already completed their records of their water use in the Yellowstone Basin for the protection of their rights. It is therefore necessary that we do the same in Montana in order to protect the rights of the water users in our state. This agreement, when reached, will vitally effect each and every water user in the Yellowstone Basin.

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Cravetz
Assistant Engineer

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Notice of Appropriation

315

- 1. County Yellowstone Book 1 Page 12 Record Misc.
- 2. Name of Appropriator Fred R. Smith Address Bark Cr., Mont. Territory
- 3. Date Appropriated April 5-1886 Date Filed April 6, 1886
 Amount Appropriated, Miners Inches 400, Cubic Feet per second _____
- * 4. Name of Stream Yellowstone Stream Tributary _____ Basin _____
- 5. Point of Diversion at head of stream
- Sec. _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____ Bank of Stream _____
- 6. Purpose irrigation & other
- 7. Description of System Ditch 26 in. by 26 in.
- 8. Land Description of Intended Place of Use N⁴, Sec. 2, 2 South - 23 East.
- * 9. Remarks (Pertaining to Use, etc.) Head of its head about 20 rods east of a point 115 rods from of N.E. corner of NW⁴, Sec. 2 - 2 So. 23 E.

Decree

- 10. Case No. _____ Date _____ Amt. Decreed: M. I. _____ C. F. S. _____
- 11. To Whom Decreed _____ Address _____
- 12. Name of Ditch _____ Maximum Capacity (C. F. S.) _____
- 13. Date of Priority _____ Purpose _____
- 14. Land Description of Place of Use as Decreed _____

Laurel Montana
Jan 13, 1943

Dear Sir

I am sorry I couldnt
answer sooner I am working
in the mine at Ben Bow
mine Dean Montana

I havent been home for
a while. until now
well you ask me how
many acres I have
in irrigated land well
I have 50 acres. and
110 Dry land.

Thank you.

Yours truly

J.M. Lee
R1 Bot 34

Billings,
XXXXXXXXXX
November 17, 1942

Mr. Joe Munoz
Route 1
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Munoz:

The Congress of the United States has granted consent to the States of Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for the division of the waters of the Yellowstone River between the respective states. The Yellowstone River Compact Commission has been created and authorized to draw up this agreement. The adjoining states have already completed their records of their water use in the Yellowstone Basin for the protection of their rights. It is therefore necessary that we do the same for Montana in order to protect the rights of the water users in our state. This agreement, when reached, will vitally effect each and every water user in the Yellowstone Basin.

Much of the information needed to show the extent of water use must come directly from those using water. We are therefore asking you to help us. We would like to know if the information we have compiled on the enclosed form of your farm is correct. The irrigated land is shown in blue. Our record shows that you irrigate from the Old Mill Ditch in which you own 10 shares, and we would like to know if all your land is irrigated from this ditch. If you have any land that is effected by seepage or land that has been irrigated which is now idle, please indicate on the enclosed map. If our record is not correct will you please give us the correct information by writing it under remarks on the enclosed form, and mail it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Delay in this matter may mean less water and development of our irrigation resources in the future. Any information you may give us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

In order to facilitate the work a branch office of the State Engineer has been established in the old Roosevelt School Building in Billings. This is the same building in which the A.A.A. office is located. If any of this is not clear to you we will appreciate your calling on us the next time you are in Billings, or you may phone us at 3777.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Cravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh
enc

Billings,
xxxxxxx
January 2, 1943

Mr. Joe Munoz
Route 1
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Munoz:

On November 17, 1942 we sent you a letter asking for certain information pertaining to your irrigated land in Section 2 South 23 East. To date we have not heard from you. It is essential that we have this information in order to show the extent of water use in the Yellowstone Basin. This information is necessary to insure present and future development in the irrigation enterprises in the state.

The 1939 Session of the Montana Legislature enacted a law (Sec. 349.60 Montana Session Laws) requiring the State Engineer to investigate and prepare a complete record of all water rights in the state. In compliance with this law all water users in the state are being requested to supply information regarding their use of water.

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Assistant Engineer

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Notice of Appropriation

1. County Yellowstone Book C Page 578 Record Misc.
2. Name of Appropriator Timothy N. Kirk Address Bozard, Mont
3. Date Appropriated June 19, 1902 Date Filed June 27, 1902
 Amount Appropriated, Miners Inches _____, Cubic Feet per second 5
4. Name of Stream Rich Spring Tributary _____ Basin _____
5. Point of Diversion At a point of waste water flume of Old Mill Ditch in
 Sec. 23 Twp. 25 Rge. 23E Bank of Stream _____
6. Purpose Irrigation, water stock & other
7. Description of System Ditch 4 ft. wide on bottom, 2 ft. deep & 6 ft. wide on top. Runs SE to sec. 25 & 26 and a branch extends from a point on sec. 25 to sec. 24. Length of ditch will be 1 1/2 to 2 miles from diversion point to final discharge.
8. Land Description of Intended Place of Use E²W², W²SW⁴ sec. 25 25, 23E
SW⁴ " 24, 25, 23E
Part of " 36, 25, 23E
9. Remarks (Pertaining to _____) In NW⁴ of sec. 23, 25, 23E also slough with seepage of Italian Ditch which gather on NW⁴ of sec. 23, 25, 23E

Decree

10. Case No. _____ Date _____ Amt. Decreed: M. I. _____ C. F. S. _____
11. To Whom Decreed _____ Address _____
12. Name of Ditch _____ Maximum Capacity (C. F. S.) _____

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

- County Yellowstone Source of Information _____
- 1. Water User L. A. Nutting Address Laurel
 - 2. Stream Mill Creek Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone
 - 3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____
 - 4. Description of System Small dam in creek
 - 5. Type of Irrigation _____
 - 6. Original appropriator Mill Creek Address _____
 - 7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____
 - 8. Maximum Use: Year 1914 Acres Irrigated 181
 - 9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 181
 - 10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____
 - 11. Condition of System Good
 - 12. Land Description E 1/4 Sec. 25, T 2S, R 23E

Remarks: _____

WITNESSES: L. A. Nutting

Information by L. A. Nutting

Place _____

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County _____ Source of Information _____

1. Water User _____ Address _____

2. Stream Stallion Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 147

9. Present Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 145

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description _____, T _____, R _____

Remarks: _____

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WITNESS: M.B.

Information by Conrad Howell

Place _____

Billings ,
xxxxxxx
November 17, 1942

Mr. Conrad Oswaldt
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Oswaldt:

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Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Cravetz
Assistant Engineer

GJO/rh
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Billings,
January 2, 1943

Mr. Conrad Oswaldt
Laurel, Montana

Dear Mr. Oswaldt:

On November 17, 1942 we sent you a letter asking for certain information pertaining to your irrigated land in Township 2 South 23 East. To date we have not heard from you. It is essential that we have this information in order to show the extent of water use in the Yellowstone Basin. This information is necessary to insure present and future development in the irrigation enterprises in the state.

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Assistant Engineer

GJC/rh

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County Yellowstone Source of Information _____

1. Water User R. F. Royalty Address Laurel

2. Stream Mill & Italian Ditch Tributary to _____ Basin Yellowstone

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation Gravity

6. Original appropriator William Smith Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 100

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated 100

9. Present Use: Year 1941 Acres Irrigated 100

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

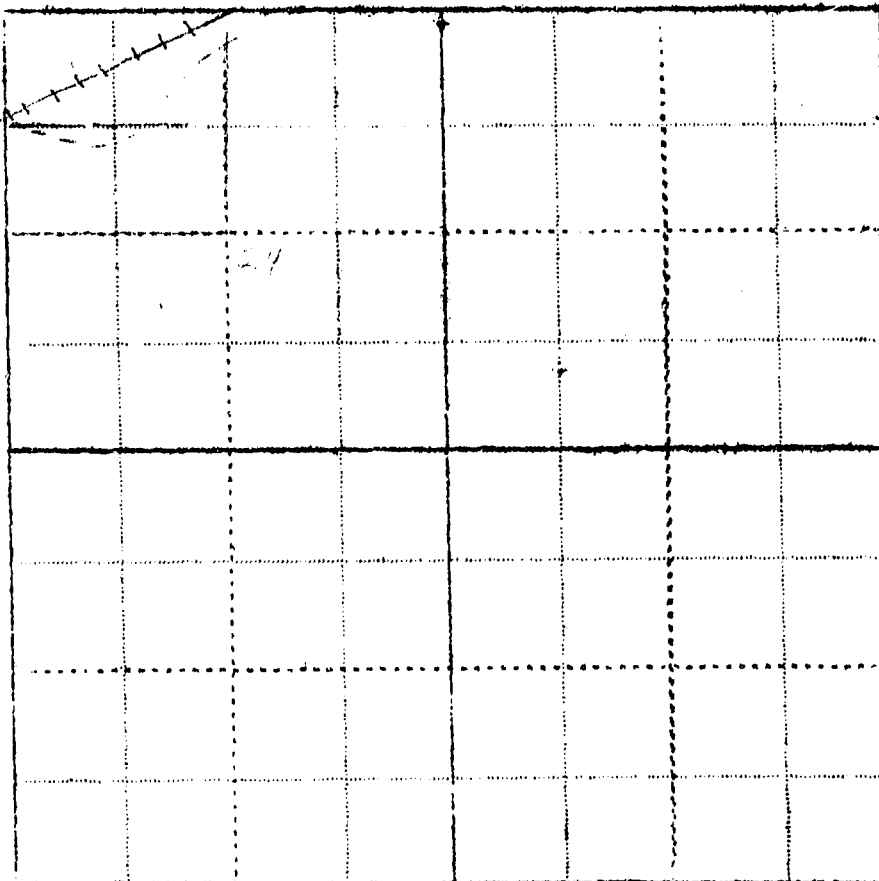
11. Condition of System Good

12. Land Description NW 1/4 Sec/ 24, T 2S R 23E

Remarks: _____

Has 40 shares under
Mill ditch and
60 shares under
Italian ditch

1/2 of unacred
land approximately
owned by Royalty
all land is
irrigated from
Italian Ditch
R.F. Royalty



WITNESS: _____

Information by _____

Place _____

A STUDY OF MONTANA'S WATER RESOURCES

County _____ Source of Information _____

1. Water User _____ Address _____

2. Stream Mill & Stale Tributary to _____ Basin _____

3. Point of Diversion 1/4 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

4. Description of System _____

5. Type of Irrigation _____

6. Original Appropriator _____ Address _____

7. First Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

8. Maximum Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

9. Present Use: Year _____ Acres Irrigated _____

10. Last Use: Year _____ Why Abandoned _____

11. Condition of System _____

12. Land Description _____, T _____, R _____

Remarks: _____

20 - Mill & Stale

60 - Stale & Mill

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WITNESS: _____

Information by _____

Place _____