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Re: Point of Diversion Clarification for 20306

On May 2nd, 2021 I, Hailey Hughes Assistant Watermaster, BA Robbins District Manager Monument SWCD, Greg Hill Project Manager Monument SWCD and landowners John Cole and Gary Ingle made a site visit to the current point of diversion utilized for certificate 20306. The purpose of this visit was to establish from a field observation what has historically been the authorized point of diversion for this certificate of water right.

Certificate 20306 identifies a source, priority date, rate and place of use however does not identify the point of diversion location. The application map submitted with the original water right application for certificate 20306 does not accurately depict the point of diversion location and there is not a final proof survey map or any additional information in our request of the Salem water right file that clarified its final location upon issuance of the certificate known as 20306.

After my field visit and assessment of the site of the diversion it became clear that physical constraints of the topography and surrounding geographic makeup of the area that a diversion in any other location would have been impossible. The creek in this area is located at the bottom of steep sided canyon walls of almost sheer vertical make up. No evidence was observed of any disturbance to the canyon walls indicating a diversion, nor did it appear that any subsequent ditch could have ever been upstream of the current diversion site. It is my professional opinion that this diversion has been in this location for this water right since the inception of the water right. Anecdotally, Mr. Cole and Mr. Engle have been land owners in this area for over 50 years. Their recollection of this diversion site is that it has always been where it is physically located today.

While onsite I traveled above or upstream of the current site attempting to find any indication that there could have been a diversion site further upstream. I could find no evidence of any location along this creek indicating there ever was a different point of diversion location.

Certificate C-88213 shares the same point of diversion as C-20306. That location is 1495 ft. South and 745 ft. west of the NE corner of Section 36, T.10S. R.27E. W.M. being within the SENE of Section 36, T.10S. ,R.27E. W.M.

It is my professional opinion that this location is the only point of diversion for C-20306 that could have existed since application was made for this water right.

Please feel free to contact the District 4 Watermaster office for additional questions.

Regards,

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