



GROUND WATER BRANCH  
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Portland 8, Oregon

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Mr. Warren Bennett  
Farmers Home Administration  
Eastern Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Reference is made to your telephone request for ground water data on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 7, T. 2 N., R. 12 E, in connection with the problem of a 200 gallon per minute irrigation water supply for the Howard Root farm.

The proposed location of that well near the center of the south line of that quarter section should place the well in a rock section somewhat similar to the Darel Evans well on the next ridge to the west - but your well would be at about 150 feet higher altitude. The log of the Evans well was as follows:

Not logged (probably sandstone and clay of the "Madras beds") . . . . .	0 - 158
Basalt . . . . .	.158 - 235
Interbed (soft, sandstone clay, etc.) . . . . .	.235 - 405
Basalt, water-bearing 415-500 . . . . .	405 - 500
Casing, 8-inch, set to 160 feet	
Water flowed at the surface when drilled (1947)	

The Mosier syncline (or downwarp) is a good general situation for ground water development. A fault that may pass E-W through the northern part of Sec. 7 may form a barrier that provides the high level to the ground water in the Columbia River basalt at this locality. Its controlling outflow and the standing level of the ground water in the basalt may be generally in the order of 350 feet altitude.

This agency will appreciate opportunity to file data on any drilling operations you may undertake, particularly in that locality.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. Newcomb  
District Geologist

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cc: Mr. Stricklin