



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Lassen Volcanic National Park

Docket No: 8

DRAKESBAD CONCESSION

Preliminary Docket Information

00-00-0000: water right/source docket information

WATER RESOURCES/WATER RIGHT

DATE: September 7, 1977

WATER RIGHT/SOURCE DOCKET INFORMATION

REGION	Western	AREA	Lassen Volcanic National Park
SITE	Drakesbad Concession		
STATE	California	COUNTY	Plumas
		DOCKET NO	WR #8
LOCATION	see narrative		
REGIONAL BASIN		LOCAL BASIN	
ACQUIRED BY	Purchase		
APPLICATION	PERMIT	CERTIFICATE	
ACTION DUE	PRIORITY	RESERVATION	
QUANTITY		USE	Domestic and recreation
STATUS	Active	SOURCE	Springs
REMARKS	hydrologic unit #18020012		

NARRATIVE: Roy D. and Amanda Sifford owned an inholding in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

They had leased portions of that land to the Lassen National Park Company which operated a hotel facility known as Drakesbad. Drakesbad, an old, famous and exclusive resort, was established years ago to take advantage of the natural beauty of the area. It featured hot baths and swimming, made possible by utilization of nearby thermal hot springs. After an unsuccessful attempt to acquire the property by exchange, the National Park Service was given options to purchase the land in three tracts. The total area of the tracts was 400 acres. The options also covered all improvements on the property, including the hotel.

The Park Service exercised option no. 2 on December 16, 1957, when by Grant Deed 80 acres were acquired. The Deed also conveyed all appurtenances, including water rights, but reserved to the Siffords the right to graze 75 head of cattle on the tract until September 30, 1958. The other two options were exercised later, the additional tracts conveyed, and the Siffords reserved the right to live on one acre in a summer house for the rest of their lives. Incidental to the purchases, the Lassen National Park Company released all claims it might have to the hotel area and recognized that its lease was subordinate to all rights of the United States.

Drakesbad is located at the eastern end of the option no. 2 tract, on the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22, T30N, R5E, and continues to operate as a resort under a concession arrangement with the Park Service. It consists of a lodge, a kitchen, and various smaller buildings, and accommodates 50 guests. The Siffords (or their predecessors) had constructed a water supply system there prior to 1958. This system was enlarged in 1960. In 1963, the Service improved the Drakesbad facility by installation of water, sewer, and power systems at the "Thermal Area". Work began on September 13, 1963 and was finished on December 10, 1964. A complete water (potable) diversion and distribution system was built, with a 24 foot dam and 20,000 gallon steel water reservoir. A swimming pool was supplied with water from a nearby hot spring.

No filings with the State Water Resources Control Board have been made for the Drakesbad systems.

Compiled by Kevin Kidder

Approved by W. Werrell

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

"DRAKESBAD"

OPTION #2

State CaliforniaCounty PlumasExpires 8/15/57 (Tract No.)Property Owner Roy D. & Amanda Sifford (Name of Area)

Address

'30.00

(Acres)

Description of Land E3SW Sec22T30N,R5E5MB3M

Improvements

Appraisals compare Options #1,2,&3 for proration of values See Lassen Vol HP Deed # 26

\$	by	Date	Assessment	\$	Date
\$	"	"	Option	\$ 70,000.	"
\$	"	"	Dec. of Taking	\$	"
\$	"	"	Final Award	\$	"

Date

Acquisition Progress

6-27-56 Dir to Sec Intent to approve 3 options, Option #2 amount of \$70,000.
 7-5-56 Sec to Dir accept Options #2 & #3 when funds available; option #1 immediately
 7-5-57 Asst Dir to R4. Option apprvd (14-10-0100-773). Req. dft deed & poss. rts. repts.
 7-29-57 R4 to Dir. Att dft deed, pretitle rep., cop. Hummel ltr 7-17
 8-5-57 Asso Sol to Asst Attn Gn. Encl dft deed, etc., & req. opinion.
 10-11-57 At Gn to Secy. Prel. opin.
 10-29-57 Asst Ch Lds to R4. Att. cops. memo & pr op, deed, pretitle report. Req. cura. data.
 11-27-57 R4 to Dir. Trans. vchr. & cop. Don Hummel ltr 7/17/57 relsng clm. Memo re esmts
 12-2-57 Ch Lds to Fin Off. At. vchr & ctf cops. prel opin. Vchr in R.E.
 Req. ford chk escrow agt.

12-2-57 Ch Lds to Asst Sol. Esmts. obj. 4, 5, 7 & rts. acceptble & w/not intrfr w/use. **Deed**
 1-13-58 Manbey to Dir. Att. deed, ctf title, pos. rts. rep., corres. **OVER 37**
 1-27-58 Asso Sol to Asst At Gn. Encl deed, etc., & req. title approval

80.00 ac. Drakesbad Option #2 (expires 8/15/57) LASSEN (\$70,000) Sifford

To

SUBJECT

Lassen NP Deed N^o 37see also Lassen Deeds N^{os} 26 & 97

Roy D. Sifford "Drakesbad"

CODED

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GRANT DEED

THIS INDENTURE made the 16 day of December, in the year 1957, between ROY D. SIFFORD and AMANDA SIFFORD, husband and wife, of the County of Plumas, State of California, the parties of the first part, and the United States of America, the party of the second part.

WITNESSETH

THAT the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the second part and its assigns forever,

ALL those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying, and being in the County of PLUMAS, State of California, described as follows:

East Half of Southwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 22, Township 30 North (T 30 N), Range 5 East (R 5 E), MDB&M, comprising 80 acres, more or less.

TOGETHER with all and singular tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To HAVE and to HOLD, all and singular, the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to its assigns forever.

The grantors, consistent with the concurrent use by the United States for park purposes, shall have the right until September 30, 1958 to graze in the customary manner during the summer season not to exceed seventy-five(75) head of stock upon portions of the property described herein and customarily used for that purpose.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part
have executed these presents the day and year first above written.

Signed and delivered in
the presence of

(Signed)

Roy D. Sifford
(ROY D. SIFFORD)

(Signed) X

Amanda Sifford
(AMANDA SIFFORD)

State of California
County of Plumas } ss

On this 16th day of December, in the year 1957,
before me ROBERT G. McARTHUR,
a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of Plumas, State of
California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, per-
sonally appeared ROY D. SIFFORD and AMANDA SIFFORD, husband and wife,
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the written
instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my official seal in said County of Plumas, the day and year
in the certificate first above written.

Robert G. McArthur
Notary Public in and for said
County of Plumas,
State of California.

My commission expires
March 20th 1961

RECORDED AT REQUEST OF
Plumas County Abstract and Title Company

DEC. 16, 1957
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PLUMAS CO. CAL. RECORDS

W. E. Logan
RECORDER

FACE SHEET FOR COMPLETION REPORT		Work Order No.	
Park Lassen Volcanic National Park Location in Park Southwest Development Area Contract No. 14-10-0434-548		B-32 LAVO (Rev. #3) Fund Symbol 14X1035 Year Programmed 1963	
Region Western State(s) California County or Counties Shasta and Tehama		PCP No. U-77-3, U-118, 1 Master Plan No. NP-LV-none-to be drawn Master Plan Corrected By Kane As Built Drawings By Kane Date Started September 13, 1963 Date Completed December 10, 1964	
Contract and/or ☒ Day Labor Work Order Title Utilities			
DESCRIPTION OF FIXED ASSETS (For completion by employee in charge of project)		TOTAL COST (For completion by F.F.O.)	
Account - 100.8 Utilities			
Water System, Winter Use Area \$40,554.52		\$191,694.62	
Sewer System, Winter Use Area \$28,646.84			
Water System, Thermal Area \$31,873.72			
Sewer System, Thermal Area \$ 8,823.00			
Electrical System Consists of grading & preparation of site for generator building, construction of generator building (no. 318), installation of diesel electric sets, switchboard assembly therein, installation of power poles, power lines, and other devices to effect the complete power system. As per specification \$55,355.90			
\$165,253.98			
GENERAL VOUCHER NO. 34- <u>31</u> DATE <u>5-17-65</u>		TOTAL \$ 191,694.62	
DISTRIBUTION No. 1 To 7 0 WASO, D&C 2 WODC 1 WR Director 1 AREA 1 WR FFO 2 WR Prop Mgmt		THE FIXED ASSET DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZED CHANCES Submitted By: <u>David A. Kane</u> Title: <u>Project Supervisor</u> Date: <u>7/10/65</u> Approved By: <u>[Signature]</u> Title: <u>Superintendent</u> Date: <u>4/16/65</u> COSTS VERIFIED BY: <u>J. Karky</u> Title: <u>Accountant</u> Date: <u>MAY 17 1965</u>	

COMPLETION REPORT NARRATIVE
Contract No. 14-10-0434-548

B-32 LAVO (Revision #2) Account No. 100.8.1
100.8.2
100.8.5

DESCRIPTION: Construct Utilities in the Thermal Area and the Winter Use Area to serve proposed buildings, Southwest Development Area, Lassen Volcanic National Park, California

AUTHORIZATION: PCP U-77-3. To construct water, sewer, power and telephone systems for Interpretive center, Sulphur Works; PCP-U-118-1, to construct water, sewer, power and telephone systems for all buildings, Winter Use Area.

PLANS, SURVEYS AND SUPERVISION: Working Drawings, NP-LV-3219-A, (8 sheets), Utility system, Thermal Area; NP-LV-3216-A (11 sheets), Utility System, Winter Use Area; and NP-LV-3224-B (7 sheets), Electrical System, Southwest Development, were prepared in the Western Office of Design and Construction in San Francisco, California. Planning, surveying and supervising of contract construction was performed by WDC personnel. Contract administration was handled by Park personnel and the Project Supervisor.

PROJECT ACTIVITY: This contract was awarded to the lowest of three bidders, Herman H. Neumann, Construction, P.O. Box 2126, El Cajon, California, for \$156,682.10. Bids were opened on August 22, 1963 and the first day of contract was September 13, 1963. A pre-construction conference was held on September 4, 1963. Work started on September 17, but was hampered by rain, snow or mud until the contract was stopped. Change Order No. 1, dated October 8, 1963, was written to provide fill for the generator building site. The fill originally was to have been provided by the Bureau of Public Roads Contractor but the contract was delayed and would not have been in time for this contract. The contract was stopped on November 7, 1963, due to heavy snows. The contractor was not permitted to depart until he had connected the new water line in the Winter Use Area to the old line to serve the Ski Hut for the winter.

A Resume Work Order was issued on June 22, 1964, when the area had dried sufficiently to enable equipment to navigate. Contractor did not recommence work until June 30. The Contractor had produced portions of the electrical submittals for approval based on the 10KW and 25KW generators. Little cooperation was forthcoming from the Contractor in submitting the electrical system as a package unit as specified and portions were returned to him several times. The generator sets were disapproved on January 16, 1964, as not meeting specifications. During the winter a re-study was made of the

electrical demands of the area and the generator building design. As a result of this study, it was decided to increase the size of the 10 KW generator to 25 KW and increase the strength of the building to withstand the extremely heavy snows. Negotiations were started on February 13, 1964, with the contractor who waited until June 19, before formally submitting the requested price changes. Change Order No. 2 was finally written on July 16, 1964 covering the proposed changes. The contractor promptly submitted the revised electrical system, changed electrical sub-contractors and had his submittals approved by July 28, 1964. The water and sewer systems were tested and/or backfilled by October 10, 1964. The two water tanks and the hypochlorinator building were completed and tested by October 12, 1964. The contractor had experienced some delays due to space conflict with the Bureau of Public Roads Contractor. The generator building was completed by November 27, 1964, except for installation of exhaust vents and generators. All aerial and underground lines were complete by November 27, 1964 when a Stop Order was issued due to further delays on delivery of the generators. All other work had been completed. Change Order No. 2, dated July 16, 1964, extended the contract time from August 24 to October 8, 1964. Change Order No. 3, dated September 23, 1964, extended the contract time from October 8 to November 6, 1964. The Resume Work Order was issued commencing work on December 2, 1964 with contract time ending on December 11, 1964. A final inspection was made on December 10 by the Park and Electrical Engineer, Mr. Stamps, WDC, and the job was accepted subject to a few minor corrections.

The prime contractor is a Contract Broker and the quality of his work depends upon the quality of his sub-contractors since we have no requirement in our specifications for a percentage of the work to be done by the prime contractor. In this case, the work was fairly good but the contractor had three different job superintendents on site at various times and the efficiency and continuity of the contract suffered accordingly.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED: The construction of this contract provided the water, sewer and power systems that will be required by the proposed buildings in the Winter Use Area, but only up to the construction limits of the BPR road contract. The BPR contract completed the lines to the building sites.

In the Winter Use Area, this contract completed portions of the diversion system as follows: A 42 ft long-concrete diversion dam with a 75 ft. perforated pipe intake system; 0.35 miles of 3" G.S. water line, a hypochlorinator and water meter; and a 40,000 gallon steel water reservoir filling at 225 GPM. The distribution system consisted only of 0.12 miles of 6" C.I. water line. The sewerage systems consists of 0.1 mile of 6" V.C. line with 4 manholes; a 5,000 gallon septic tank; 0.2 mile of 4" V.C. open-joint tile in a 3 ft. wide trench; all to serve the Winter Use Building; (2.) 0.06 mile of 6" C.I. sewer line with

three manholes; a 2,000 gallon septic tank; and a 12 ft. diameter x 15 ft. deep seepage pit; all to serve the Duplex and the comfort stations. The power system consists of; a 408 S.F. concrete block building with 2-25 KW generators, each run by a 20 HP Cummings diesel engine, a control panelboard including a synchronizer and the hypochlorinator and the water meter; two dip poles with 15 KVA transformers and 100 ampere circuit breakers each; one pole with a 5 KVA transformer; 0.2 mile of aerial 2.4 KV (2-#8A copperweld) 1 phase, on trees; 95 L.F. of 110/220 V underground (3-#2 type USE) power line to Winter Use Building site; 0.09 mile of aerial 120/240 volt (3-#6 triplex) tree cable to Kiosk pole and Duplex site; and coiled loops of the proper size wire at the respective building sites. The span of 2.4 KV primary wire between the old Ski Hut and the Winter Use Building Pole was replaced with neoprene-covered wire to preclude the possibility of a skier on top of a record snow drift coming in contact with the high-voltage wire. A 2.4 KV disconnect switch was also added to the Winter Use Building pole for the same reason, since the line to the Visitor Center runs across the bottom edge of the Ski-runs. This line can now be de-energized in the winter when the Visitor Center will be closed or any other time when it may be necessary to work on the line.

In the Thermal Area, the diversion system consists of: 0.07 mile of 2" G.S. water line; a 24 ft. concrete diversion dam with 42 L.F. of perforated pipe intake; a hypo-chlorinator and water meter in a 64 S.F. C.M. building; and a 20,000 gallon steel water reservoir; the distribution system consists only of 0.2 mile of 4" C.I. water line to serve the proposed Visitor Center. The sewerage system consists of 0.05 mile of 6" V.C. line with two manholes; a 2,000 gallon septic tank; and a 15 ft. deep by 12 ft. diameter seepage pit to serve the Visitor Center. The BPR extended the line 140 L.F. to the V.C. site. The power system consists of 0.7 mile of aerial 2.4 KV primary (2-#8A copperweld) on trees with one pole; a dip pole with 15 KVA transformer and 100 ampere circuit breaker; 0.17 mile of 480 volt (2-#2 USE-RR cable) underground cable with warning boards to Visitor Center site; and a 50 ft. coil of 2-#2 USE-RR cable.

The metallic grounded field phone line will be extended and connected to all buildings (except the comfort station) by Day Labor as each building is completed.

CHANGE ORDERS: Change Order No. 1 covered the extra fill required to bring the generator building up to the BPR road grade; Change Order No. 2 covered the necessary changes to the electrical system, generation system and generator building; Change Order No. 3 was a time extension to further cover the change in generators required under Change Order No. 2.

QUANTITY CHANGES: Schedule III, Bid Item 1, increase in 4" C.I. water pipe necessary to get line close to proposed Visitor Center site. Item intended to come under BPR contract but was overlooked. Schedule V, Bid Items 14 (aerial 2.4 KW wire) and 21 (power poles), overestimated by engineer indicated an under-run on each.

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Four

From: Assistant Director

Subject: Approval of Option No. 1 of Three Options Apportioned to Purchase Piecemeal in Fiscal Years 1957, 1958, and 1959, the Residue Sifford Lands and Improvements thereon in Lassen Volcanic National Park

With your memorandum of January 31 there were transmitted five executed copies each of Options No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, all dated January 30, 1956, and designed to expire August 15, 1956, August 15, 1957, and August 15, 1958, respectively, by which Roy D. Sifford and Amanda Sifford offer to sell to the United States, in three phases, 400.00 acres of contiguous lands with timber and improvements thereon in Lassen Volcanic National Park, for the aggregate sum of \$279,550.

This procedure is advantageous for budgetary purposes since the large expenditure will be apportioned to three fiscal years, thus leaving funds from yearly appropriations available for other urgent land purchases throughout the National Park System.

The site is at an elevation of 6,000 feet above sea level at the northerly edge of Plumas County adjoining Shasta County. It extends west to east for a mile and three-quarters, with Hot Springs Creek flowing eastwardly within its entire length. The terrain ranges from rolling meadowland to steep slopes forested by coniferous timber of commercial value. The unique geology of the area consists of numerous springs, hot, boiling, and soda, along with springs of potable water. Devils Kitchen, several acres in extent at the steep westerly end of the tract, is a cauldron of boiling mud and steam. To the eastward the land flattens out into meadows, providing grazing for about 75 head of stock.

The improvements are located at the easterly end of the tract known as the Brakeshad resort. They are essentially five habitations of frame construction with adequate facilities, between \$3,500 and \$17,000 in value. The main buildings are the lodge, a 2-story, frame structure 24' x 48', and the kitchen, a 2-story, rustic building 24' x 40' with an ell 20' x 24'. The other

improvements are of varied use--cabins, bath houses, swimming pool, storage buildings, barns, and tent floors. The property is used in a commercial hotel enterprise catering to 50 guests at the height of the season.

Fortunately, the elderly owners have preserved the scenic values of the area. However, they have planned to sell to others, if the Government does not exercise its rights under the options we are holding. This might result in logging of the timber and the operation of the improvements contrary to national park principles. Moreover, the acquisition is important to open the unique area to the visiting public. The purchase is in accord with this Service's established policy of acquiring private holdings within authorized boundaries of areas administered by it in order to prevent further development, to reduce administrative costs, nonconforming uses, and fire hazards, and to protect wildlife.

The property was appraised by Wakefield & Hopper, experienced realtors and appraisers of Fresno, California, July 31, 1952, along with other property previously conveyed by the Siffords to the United States. The residue proposed for acquisition by the three options was reappraised by the same appraisers February 3, 1956. The reappraisal estimates for the residue property follow:

Land value	\$180,000
Depreciated value of improvements	50,000
Valuation - timber	75,000
Total	\$305,000

A second and independent appraisal of the property was made on June 15, 1956, by District Ranger Brokenshire of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and his report of value is \$284,184.50.

The schedule of proposed option acceptances at the beginning of the 1957, 1958, and 1959 fiscal years follows:

Option	Acres	Option Price	Approximate value Wakefield & Hopper	T. 30 N., R. 5 E., M.D.B. & M.
No. 1	240.00	\$130,000	\$132,000	S $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22
No. 2	80.00	70,000	44,000	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22
No. 3	80.00	79,350	129,000	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 and improvements
Total	400.00	\$279,350	\$305,000	

This is the most favorable offer we were able to negotiate after several years of diligent effort to acquire the property by exchange, which could not be accomplished. Since the aggregate of the agreed prices is the best that can be negotiated, appears reasonable and favorable to the United States, and you and Mr. Manbey recommend the acceptance of the three options, I have today approved Option No. 1 pursuant to Section 6 of Departmental Order No. 2640, dated June 11, 1951 (16 F. R. 5946), delegating authority to this Service to accept options. The approved Option No. 1 has been assigned Contract No. 14-10-0100-650.

While we hope the property covered in Options Nos. 2 and 3 can be secured through exchange for surplus Olympic lands, our plans are such that these options can be accepted as indicated above.

Option No. 1 is being accepted, subject to the lease recited under Clause 4 terminable upon acquisition of the property by the United States, and subject to the right reserved by the vendors under Supplemental Clause 11 to graze during the summer seasons until September 30, 1958, 75 head of stock upon portions of the property customarily used for that purpose in a manner consistent with concurrent use of the land for park purposes. Under Supplemental Clause 12 it is agreed that there will be no logging and that the vendors are responsible for loss or damage of the property by fire until it is conveyed to the United States.

Supplemental Clause 13, which appears only in Option No. 3, reserves for the vendors the right to occupy for summer home site purposes during their natural lives an acre of land adjacent to White Water Falls in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, and to erect thereon a park-approved summer home which will become the property of the United States upon the demise of the vendors.

Three executed copies of Option No. 1 are attached. One copy should be delivered to the vendor, one copy forwarded to the Superintendent, and the other retained for your records.

The vendors should be requested to furnish an abstract or certificate of title in the form approved by the Department of

Justice, together with a draft of the deed proposed to be executed in favor of the United States and its assigns conveying the land. It is requested that the usual possessory rights reports be submitted. Upon the receipt of this material, it will be transmitted to the Attorney General for a title opinion.

(SGD) JACKSON E. PRICE
Assistant Director

In triplicate

Attachments 3

Copy to: Acting Assistant Solicitor, National Parks

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Accounts--Mr. Manley Allen, with original and conformed copy of approved option. Please obligate the amounts indicated for allotment by Budget.

Budget: Please reduce Account 341.71 General Areas and allot to Account 341.71 LAVO the sum of \$130,000.

CRWSmith:lt 7/9/56

Ap

312 Valley National Bldg., Tucson, Arizona

July 17, 1957

Mr. B. F. Manbey
National Park Service
180 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Manbey:

This is evidence that the Lassen National Park Company hereby released any claim it may have to the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 30 North, Range 5 East, M.O.M.

It is understood that in execution of the lease, under which Lassen National Park Company operates the facilities at Truckee, that such lease is subject to the National Park Service, Department of Interior, option to purchase the above described land.

Sincerely yours,

LASSEN NATIONAL PARK COMPANY

By:

Don Hummel, President

DEL/m

Other Supporting Information



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240
February 15, 1968

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Land and Water Rights, SSC
Attention: Mr. Fields

From: Chief, Branch of Water Resources

Subject: Water supply for Drakesbad Concession, Lassen Volcanic

This will acknowledge receipt of Mr. Roberts' memorandum of February 8 on the above subject and also the enclosed statements by Mr. Conlan summarizing the status of alien water rights in other parks. The statements on Bryce Canyon alien water rights will be the subject of a separate memorandum.

The information on the Drakesbad supply has been forwarded to the planners for use in the wilderness proposals for Lassen. However, Acting Superintendent Stephenson recognizes the need for a docket on the Drakesbad water system, with which we agree.

As a start toward preparation of the docket, the land records here have been examined. The property, owned by the Siffords, was purchased in three parcels, and a copy of the deed for the parcel including the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 22, T. 30 N., R. 5 E., is enclosed. The purchase also included the resort facilities, which, at the time of purchase, were being operated under lease by the Lassen National Park Company. The company waived any rights it had in the property.

It is assumed that the water supply was constructed by the Siffords or their predecessors and riparian rights were established. If this is so, the rights passed to the United States when the property was purchased. However, the inventory form for the cold (?) spring shows construction in 1960, after the property was acquired by the United States. It is not known whether this construction was by the Service or the concessioner. If by the concessioner, the question of ownership of the water rights to the spring is raised. The entire question of water rights at Drakesbad should be reviewed with the Field Solicitor before a final docket is distributed.

Also enclosed are other items copied from the lands files here that may be pertinent. We have inserted copies of this material in a temporary docket here for convenience.

We also have another temporary docket in our files which contains the PCP for the water and sewer systems at the Winter Use and Thermal Areas. A copy of the PCP is enclosed. As part of the inventory of water rights, these dockets should be assembled and distributed and the other Lassen dockets reviewed to see that all water systems in the park are docketed.



E. W. Reed

Enclosures

cc:
Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic, w/c encs.
Regional Director, Western

Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket 15
Documents Dated from 7/17/1957 to 2/15/1968
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