



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Rocky Mountain National Park

Docket No: 30

FERN CREEK

Preliminary Docket Information

00-00-0000: water right record

WATER RIGHT RECORD

Park: ROMO

Docket Number:

Federal #30

IDENTIFICATION NO: ROMO, R 0 3, 0 4, 7 4, A, E, 30

DITCH/WATER SYSTEM: Forest Inn Pipe Line

SOURCE OF SUPPLY: Fern Creek

LOCATION: On the east bank of Fern Creek in Section 3, T4N, R74W, at a point
whence the SE corner of Section 35, T5N, R74W, bears N81°46'E 3956.1 feet.

WATER RIGHT:

Appropriator:

Application/Permit Number: Map NP-RM-6984, May 16, 1938, Transfer of
Decreed Priority. Statement of Claim 5/5/1876.

Certificate Record Number:

Domestic Priority No. 58-(6), Water District #4, Jan. 30,

Date of Priority: 1939, with no greater or different priority than
Irrigation Priority No. 58.

Quantity of Water: 0.081 c.f.s.

Purpose: Domestic

Irrigated Land Description:

SUMMARY OF STATUS: This water right was transferred from Irrigation Priority #58,
from Hupps and Beaver Ditches in Change-In-Point-Of-Diversion
Case No. 10050, January 30, 1939.
Pipe Line was acquired in 1955 from Ned Tecker.

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Use Discontinued.

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FOREST INN PIPE LINE

Pipe Line No. , Water District No. 4.

USE

Domestic. Supplies water to Forest Inn and Cabins. (Abandoned)

HEADGATE

Point of Diversion is on the East bank of Fern Creek in Lot 1 of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 74 West, at a point whence the Southeast Corner of Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 74 West, bears North 81° 46' East 3956.1 feet.

PRIORITY

Domestic Priority No. 58-(6), Water District No. 4, as of January 30, 1939, with no greater or different priority than Irrigation Priority No. 58 from which this water right was transferred. This water right was transferred from the Hupps and Beaver Ditches in Change-In-Point-Of-Diversion Case No. 10050, January 30, 1939.

AMOUNT OF DECREE

0.081 cubic feet of water per second of time but not to exceed 13.297 acre-feet per annum (36.4 gallons per minute but not to exceed 4,332,826 gallons per annum) permitted to flow from Fern Creek into the Forest Inn Pipe Line.

OWNERSHIP and OPERATION

Water right owned by United States. Acquired by adjudication. Formerly operated by concessionaire. Pipe Line acquired in 1955 from Ned Tecker.

MAPS

NP-RM-6984, May 16, 1938, Transfers of Decreed Priorities.

Central Ranger District.

Junction of Spruce Creek and Big Thompson.

DOCKET INFORMATION SHEET

Docket Identity	ROMO R 03 04 74 A F 30
Region	ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Area	ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
Site	FOREST INN PIPE LINE
State	COLORADO
County	LARIMER
Docket	ROMO WATER RIGHT DOCKET 30
Location	T4N R74W SEC 3
Acquired by	APPROPRIATION
Application	MAP NR-RM-6984 MAY 16 1938 TRANSFER OF PRIORITY
Permit	58-(6) NO GREATER OR DIFFERENT THAN PRIORITY 58
Certificate	COURT DECREE 19050
Priority	0.081 CFS
Reservation	JANUARY 26 1915
Status	ACTIVE FEDERAL JANUARY 30 1939
Source	SURFACE WATER
Use	DOMESTIC
Quantity	0.081 CFS
Hydrologic Unit	10190006
Remarks	THIS WATER RIGHT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM
	IRRIGATION PRIORITY 58 FROM HURPS AND BEAVER
	DITCHES IN CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION CASE

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 1, COLORADO

Docket #30

Case No. W-8439-76 (W-8788-77)

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR SURFACE, UNDERGROUND, AND STORAGE
RESERVED WATER RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR RESERVED
WATER RIGHTS IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK IN BOULDER AND LARIMER COUNTIES.

1. Name and address of Applicant:

United States of America
c/o John E. Lindskold
Attorney, Department of Justice
Land and Natural Resources Division
1961 Stout Street, Drawer 3607
Denver, Colorado 80294

2. The United States of America claims reserved water rights consisting of the right to (a) secure favorable conditions of water flows and (b) to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations and for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States. Specifically, to maintain all streams, springs and seeps, lakes and all ground water at their natural flows, levels, and conditions, except as required for administrative uses, and claims reserved water rights for present and future administrative uses located on Rocky Mountain National Park in Boulder and Larimer counties.
3. The use of water claimed under this amended application is for the present and future needs to fulfill the purposes for which the reservation was created as set forth in paragraph 5(c) of the amended application filed on December 29, 1977.
4. The original application, as amended, is hereby further amended by substituting a new subparagraph 5(a)(1) as follows:
- (a) Source of water:
- (1) Those portions of the South Platte River and waters tributary thereto which are situated within this Water Division and which are located in, on, under, adjacent or otherwise appurtenant to the lands described in the attached Exhibit 1 through 19, which are attached hereto and by the Act of December 22, 1980 (94 Stat. 3265) and Public Land order 6444, dated July 18, 1983 (48

Name of Structure: NPS Fall River Entrance Pipeline
Legal description: At a point whence the NE corner of Section 17, T. 5 N.,
R. 73 W. bears S 70° 49' E, 1700.47 feet.
Source: Bighorn Creek, tributary to Big Thompson River
Description of Structure: Surface diversion
Date of Reservation: January 26, 1915
Use of Water: Domestic, Recreation, Fire Fighting
Amount claimed: 56 gpm

Name of Structure: NPS Endovalley Fish Pond Pipeline
Legal description: At a point whence the SE corner of Section 11, T. 5
N., R. 74 W. bears S 65° 58' E, 4883.2 ft.
Source: Fall River, tributary to Big Thompson River
Description of Structure: Surface diversion
Date of Reservation: January 26, 1915
Use of Water: Recreation, Fire Fighting
Amount claimed: 420 gpm

Name of Structure: NPS Rocky Mountain Boys Camp Pipeline
Legal description: In the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 6, T. 4 N., R. 73 W.
Source: Mill Creek, tributary to Big Thompson River
Description of Structure: Surface diversion
Date of Reservation: January 26, 1915
Use of Water: Domestic, Recreation, Fire Fighting
Amount claimed: 6 gpm

Name of Structure: NPS Aspenglen Campground
Legal description: At a point whence the NW corner of Section 21, T. 5 N.,
R. 73 W. bears N 79° 06' W,
1236.12 ft.
Source: Fall River, tributary to Big Thompson
Description of Structure: Surface diversion
Date of Reservation: January 26, 1915
Use of Water: Domestic, Recreation, Fire Fighting
Amount claimed: 30 gpm

Name of Structure: NPS Forest Inn Pipeline
Legal description: At a point whence the SE corner of Section 35, T. 5
N., R. 74 W., bears N 81° 46' E, 3956.1 ft.
Source: Fern Creek, tributary to Big Thompson River
Description of Structure: Surface diversion
Date of Reservation: January 26, 1915
Use of Water: Domestic, Recreation, Fire Fighting
Amount claimed: 40 gpm

Recorded JUL 7, 1939 at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

Reception No. 400428 Stanley A. Curtis, Recorder

STATE OF COLORADO,)
COUNTY OF BOULDER.) ss. IN THE DISTRICT COURT
No. 10050.

IN THE MATTER OF PRIORITY)
OF WATER RIGHTS IN DISTRICT)
NO. 4.)
ON PETITION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA TO CHANGE POINTS OF
DIVERSION OF A PORTION OF THE
WATER HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE
TAKEN AND USED UNDER PRIORITIES
NUMBERED 57, 58 AND 68.

FINDINGS AND DECREE.

THIS MATTER NOW COMING ON TO BE HEARD in open Court this 30th day of January A. D. 1939, upon the petition of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, praying for authority to make changes in points of diversion of a portion of the waters authorized to be taken under adjudication priorities numbered 57, 58 and 68, in Water District No. 4, within and for the State of Colorado.

And the petitioner, appearing by Worth Allen and Wayne C. Williams, special assistants to the Attorney General of the United States, and the objectors or protestants or others appearing in person or by counsel as follows: Eleanor E. Hondius in person and by her attorneys, Fred W. Stover and Dale E. Shannon.

And this cause having been originally set by order of this court made on August 11, 1938, for hearing on the 28th day of September, 1938, and having been duly continued from time to time by order of this court, each continuance having been made at or before the time for which the matter previously had been set,

And the Court having heard and received evidence, and heard argument of attorneys, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

1. All parties who may be affected by the proposed changes in points of diversion have been duly notified, as by law required, and that the following named persons and corporations, in written instruments filed with the Clerk of this Court, acknowledged service upon them on the dates set opposite their respective names, of a printed copy of the notice issued by the Clerk of this Court:

Gertrude H. Grant, August 22, 1938.

The Farmers Irrigating Ditch and Reservoir Company, a corporation, by T. M. McKee, President, August 24, 1938.

Florence E. Kistler,
by Clarence L. Ireland, her attorney, August 26, 1938.

Alice G. Henry, August 27, 1938.

The Eaton Investment Company, a corporation,
by Robert G. Smith, its attorney, September 1, 1938.

2. The Petitioner, United States of America, is now the lawful owner of and is entitled to exercise the rights in and to, said adjudicated priorities numbered 57, 58, and 68, in Water District No. 4, within and for the State of Colorado, having acquired said rights as appurtenances to land purchased by it from Pieter (Peter) Hondius in the years 1923, 1924 and 1932, which said lands are described in detail in the petition filed herein, and which said conveyances are more particularly described as follows:

Warranty deed dated September 22, 1923, filed for record as Instrument No. 269762 in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Larimer County, State of Colorado, on April 8, 1924, and recorded in Book 481, page 101 of the public records of said county.

Warranty deed dated May 8, 1924, filed for record as Instrument No. 274366, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Larimer County, State of Colorado, on June 19, 1924, and recorded in Book 481, page 360 of the public records of said county.

Warranty deed dated February 18, 1932, filed for record as Instrument No. 390196, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Larimer County, State of Colorado, on March 15, 1932, and recorded in Book 623, page 424 of the public records of said county.

The Petitioner has made continuous use of the full amount of water authorized to be taken under and by said priorities numbered 57, 58, and 68, except as to Priority Right Number 57. Under said priority right number 57, it has continuously used nine hundred and eighty three one thousandths (0.983) of one cubic foot of water per second upon eleven and eight-tenths (11.8) acres of land. It has not used and is not entitled to use water under said priority right upon any more land than 11.8 acres.

3. The changes in points of diversion sought in the petition to be made will not injuriously affect the rights of any water users in said Water District No. 4.

Authority should, therefore, be granted to the petitioner to make the changes in points of diversion as prayed, but with a proviso and condition that, in taking water from the new points of diversion, the rights of the petitioner to water shall not become superior with respect to the matter of priority to any rights that are now senior thereto. In other words, a condition should be made to the effect that no greater priority right shall be obtained by reason of making a domestic or other use of the water taken from said new points of diversion than such right or rights as are now held in connection with the use of water taken under said adjudicated rights for irrigation purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that authority be and the same is hereby granted to the United States of America to make the following changes in points of diversion of a portion of the water authorized to be taken under said priority rights numbered 57, 58 and 68, in Water District No. 4, State of Colorado, the points of diversion, the new use, and the amount of water in both second feet, and acre feet per annum, to be used from both the original and new points of diversion, being stated as follows:

PRIORITY NUMBER 57.

THE JONES DITCH.

<u>New Points of Diversion.</u>	<u>New Use.</u>	<u>Quantity to be Used from New Point of Diversion.</u>
(1) Springs tributary to Fall River in the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 73 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian* from which the Northwest corner of said section bears North 79° 06' West 1236.12 feet.	Domestic supply, sanitation, fire protection, in Aspenglen (Public) Campground.	0.064 second-feet, but not to exceed 11.407 acre-feet per annum.
*The Sixth Principal Meridian is hereafter referred to as the 6th P. M.		
(2) On the right or South bank of Hidden Valley Creek, a tributary of Fall River, in the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M. from which the Southeast corner of said section bears South 85° 02' East 2309.1 feet.	Domestic supply, sanitation, fire protection, at camp in Little Horseshoe Park and adjacent (Ashton) ranch, and public campground to be built and established.	0.044 second-feet, but not to exceed 10.493 acre-feet per annum.
		<u>Quantity hereafter to be used from original point of diversion.</u>
		0.875 second-feet, but not to exceed 13.5 acre-feet per annum.

PRIORITY NUMBER 68.

THE HORSESHOE DITCH.

<u>New Points of Diversion.</u>	<u>New Use.</u>	<u>Quantity to be Used from New Point of Diversion.</u>
(1) Three springs, being headwaters of Sundance Creek, a tributary of Fall River, in the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., and from which the Southeast one-sixteenth (1/16) corner of Section 14, Township 5 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., bears as follows: From Spring No. 1, South 86° 24' East 13,319 feet. From Spring No. 2, South 85° 54' East 13,328 feet. From Spring No. 3, South 86° 15' East 13,304 feet.	Domestic, sanitation and fire protection at the Trail Ridge Road Maintenance Camp.	0.004 second-feet, but not to exceed 1.35 acre-feet per annum.
(2) On the right or South bank of Hidden Valley Creek, a tributary of Fall River, in the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M. from which the Southeast corner of said section bears south 85° 02' East 2309.1 feet.	Domestic supply, sanitation, fire protection, in Little Horseshoe Park and adjacent (Ashton) ranch, and public campground to be built and established.	0.145 second-feet, but not to exceed 34.499 acre-feet per annum.
(3) The North side of a nameless tributary at the headwaters of Fall River in the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 75 West of the 6th P.M., and from which point the Northeast corner of said Section 1 bears North 21° 48' East 549 feet. (The corner being a scribed stone of GLO survey of 1882).	Domestic, sanitation and fire protection at Fall River Pass Museum, public comfort station and parking area.	0.100 second-feet, but not to exceed 16.947 acre-feet per annum.

THE HORSESHOE DITCH - (Continued)

<u>New Points of Diversion.</u>	<u>New Use.</u>	<u>Quantity to be Used from New Point of Diversion.</u>
(4) Chiquita Creek, a tributary of Fall River, in the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section 11, Township 5 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., at a point from which the Southeast corner of said section bears South 58° 53' East 5173.6 feet.	Domestic, sanitation, fire protection, at Endovalley Campground.	0.118 second-feet, but not to exceed 20,736 acre-feet per annum.
		Quantity hereafter to be used from original point of diversion.
		4.633 second-feet, but not to exceed 181.468 acre-feet.

PRIORITY NUMBER 58.

THE HUPPS AND BEAVER DITCHES.

<u>New Points of Diversion.</u>	<u>New Use.</u>	<u>Quantity to be Used from New Point of Diversion.</u>
(1) Springs tributary to Big Thompson River in the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M., from which the North quarter corner of said Section 34 bears North 85° 44' West 376 feet.	Domestic, industrial and fire protection, in Park Utility and employees' residential area.	0.015 second-feet, but not to exceed 11.16 acre-feet per annum.
(2) South or right bank of Big Thompson River in the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M., at a point from which the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M. bears North 78° 26' East 1069 feet.	Domestic, sanitation, fire protection, for a lodge, store and housekeeping cabins at Camp Woods and Big Thompson River Entrance to Park.	0.300 second-feet, but not to exceed 85.973 acre-feet per annum.

THE HUPPS AND BEAVER DITCHES (Continued)

<u>New Points of Diversion.</u>	<u>New Use.</u>	<u>Quantity to be Used from New Point of Diversion.</u>
(3) Springs tributary to Bear Lake, which is tributary to Big Thompson River through Glacier Creek, in the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., from which point the N55W 1/256 corner of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M. bears North 77° 46' East 10,696 feet. (Corners of Section 14 burned out about 1898.)	Domestic sanitation, fire protection, for hotel, museum, ranger station, and parking area at end of motor road at Bear Lake.	0.086 second-feet, but not to exceed 24,658 acre-feet per annum.
(4) Right bank of Boulder Brook, a tributary of Big Thompson River through Glacier Creek, in the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 18, Township 4 North, Range 73 West of the 6th P. M., from which the North quarter (N $\frac{1}{4}$) corner of said Section 18 bears North 50° 15' East 1332.6 feet.	Domestic, sanitation, fire protection, at Sprague's Hotel, Glacier Basin Campground, and Mountain side Lodge.	0.589 second-feet, but not to exceed 112.242 acre-feet per annum.
(5) Springs tributary to Fern Lake, which is tributary to Big Thompson River through Fern Creek, in the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., at a point from which the Southeast corner of Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., bears North 51° 14' East 9346.94 feet.	Domestic, sanitation, fire protection, at Fern Lodge and Fern Lake Ranger Station.	0.081 second-feet, but not to exceed 18,277 acre-feet per annum.
(6) East or right bank of Fern Creek, a tributary of Big Thompson River in Lot one (1) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., at a point from which the Southeast corner of Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 74 West of the 6th P. M., bears North 81° 46' East 3956.1 feet.	Domestic, sanitation, fire protection, at Forest Inn.	0.081 second-feet, but not to exceed 13,297 acre-feet per annum.
		<u>Quantity hereafter to be used from original points of diversion.</u>
		2.848 second-feet, but not to exceed 94,393 acre-feet per annum.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the authority hereby granted is subject to the condition hereby made, that in making the said changes in points of diversion, United States of America, and all future owners of the water rights under which water shall be diverted from said new points of diversion, shall acquire no greater or different priority rights by reason of making a domestic or other use of the water so diverted than if the water so diverted were used for irrigation purposes, as authorized in the general adjudication decree made and signed by this Court on June 29, 1916.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this 30th day of January, 1939.

FREDERIC W. CLARK
JUDGE.

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STATE OF COLORADO,)
) SS.
COUNTY OF BOULDER.)

I, C. W. ATKINSON, Clerk of the District Court in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and as such Clerk custodian of the files and records of said Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of FINDINGS AND DECREE, in Case No. 10050, duly entered on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1939, IN THE MATTER OF PRIORITY OF WATER RIGHTS IN DISTRICT NO. 4, ON PETITION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CHANGE POINTS OF DIVERSION OF A PORTION OF THE WATER HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE TAKEN AND USED UNDER PRIORITIES NUMBERED 57, 58 and 68, as the same appears of record in this Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office in Boulder, this 16th day of February, A. D. 1939.

(SEAL)

/s/ C. W. Atkinson
Clerk.

Other Supporting Information

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Memorandum

To: The Director

Docket 30

From: ^{Asst} Assistant Regional Director, Midwest Region

Subject: Water Rights on Hupps, Beaver, Jones and Horseshoe Ditches.

Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Whitcraft's comments regarding the status of subject water rights. This reply is with reference to Mr. Dunn's August 28, 1962 memorandum.

The following is a tabular summary of the use of subject rights and the availability for transfer:

Hupps - Beaver Ditches

Priority No. 56

<u>System</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
✓ Forest Inn	.081 c.f.s.	Abandoned
Fern Lake	.081 c.f.s.	Will use at Fern Lake Patrol Cabin
Camp Woods	.300 c.f.s.	Plan to use at picnic ground, later
Glacier Basin	.589 c.f.s.	In use
Bear Lake Pipeline No. 2	.120 c.f.s.	In use
Utility Area	.015 c.f.s.	In use
<u>Jones Ditch</u>		
Aspenglen	.064 c.f.s.	In use
Little Horseshoe	.044 c.f.s.	Available for transfer
Federal owned (Jones Ditch)	.875 c.f.s.	(.775 c.f.s. available for transfer (.10 c.f.s. retained to irrigate campground
Estes Park	4.017	(Diverting in pens tack of Hendius Cascade pipeline.
Total	5.000	

Priority No. 57

Horseshoe Ditch

Priority No. 68

Horseshoe Ditch	4.633 c.f.s.	Retained and available for transfer
Little Horseshoe Park	.145 c.f.s.	Availability for transfer
Endovalley Campground	.118 c.f.s.	In use
Trail Ridge Road Camp	.004 c.f.s.	In use
Fall River Pass	.100 c.f.s.	In use

Pending further developments where some of the available water rights can be used, we will hold the docket in their present status.

(Sgd) Harry B. Robinson

In duplicate ~~Asst.~~ Assistant Regional Director

cc: Superintendent, Rocky Mountain
✓ Chief, WODC - in duplicate w/enclosure



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Rocky Mountain National Park
and

Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area
P. O. Box 1080, Estes Park, Colorado

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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January 3, 1963

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Midwest Region
From: Acting Superintendent, Rocky Mountain

Subject: Water rights on Hupps, Beaver, Jones and Horseshoe Ditches

Mr. Melaas' September 12, 1962, memorandum asked for a review of the status of the above water rights and if any of them might be transferred or used by new systems in the same drainage areas.

Docket No. 28, Hupps and Beaver Ditches, indicates that we retained a right to use 2.848 cubic feet per second under this right. It has not been abandoned and is used occasionally to irrigate portions of Beaver Meadows. At this time the ditches and headgates are in need of repair. This water right originally had four cubic feet decreed to it, but in the change in point of diversion made in 1939 by the National Park Service, 1.152 cubic feet of water were transferred to water systems at Forest Inn, Fern Lake, Camp Woods, Glacier Basin, Bear Lake and the Utility Area. Of these, the .081 c.f.s. used at Forest Inn has been abandoned and is available for transfer to other systems. The .081 c.f.s. transferred to Fern Lake is not currently being used but it is our plan to move the pipeline to the Fern Lake patrol cabin when Fern Lake Lodge is torn down in the near future. The .300 c.f.s. of water transferred to Camp Woods is not currently being used, as Camp Woods has been removed. However, our long range planning includes a picnic area in this location and therefore only part of this right is available for transfer to other locations. Water transferred in 1939 to Glacier Basin, Bear Lake and the Utility Area is still in use.

In the same 1939 adjudication .108 c.f.s. of the Jones Ditch water right was transferred to Aspenglen (.064) and the Little Horseshoe Pipeline (.044). The Aspenglen water is being used for the campground but the water at Little Horseshoe has not been used since the Public Health Department declared it unsafe for human consumption at the Little Horseshoe residences. This .044 c.f.s. is available for transfer to the other systems. The remainder of 4.892 c.f.s. of decreed

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water left in Jones Ditch is divided between the United States (.875 c.f.s.) and the Town of Estes Park (4.017 c.f.s.). The United States-owned water is allowed to run through the campground in the original Jones Ditch where it helps maintain plant growth in the heart of the campground. The Town of Estes Park is now diverting its share of the water further up in the penstock of the Houdius Cascade Pipeline. Headgate repairs are needed on the Jones Ditch point of diversion. A large share of the .875 c.f.s. owned by the United States would be available for transfer to some other system as .10 c.f.s. would be adequate for the ditch flow through the campground.

Horseshoe Ditch (Docket No. 35) retains a decreed right of 4.633 c.f.s. and is used several times a year to irrigate the meadows in Horseshoe Park. In the 1939 change in point of diversion .367 c.f.s. of the original 5 c.f.s. was transferred to Little Horseshoe, Endovalley Campground, Trail Ridge Road Camp, and Fall River Pass water systems. These are all in use with the exception of Little Horseshoe mentioned above concerning Jones Ditch.

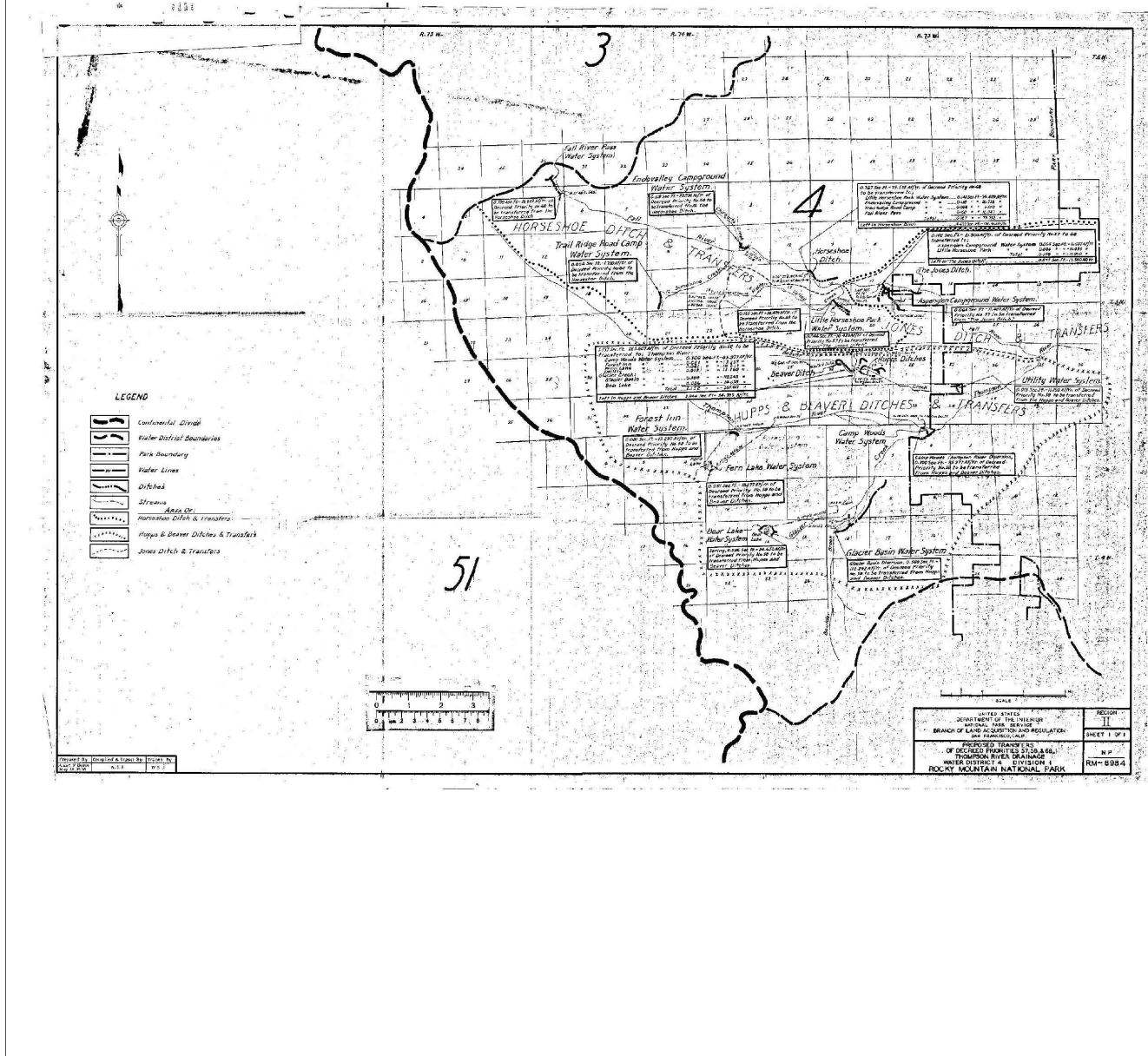
Much of the 4.633 c.f.s. retained in the Horseshoe Ditch right is available for transfer to other systems.

At the time of this writing, there are no new systems in the drainage areas occupied by the Hupps, Beaver, Jones and Horseshoe Ditches which are in need of water right protection which could be gained by transferring parts of the above rights thereto. We are grateful, however, to Mr. Dunn for suggesting this review, as it reminded us of the .081 c.f.s. available for transfer from the abandoned Forest Inn Pipeline and the .189 c.f.s. now in disuse at Little Horseshoe Park residence area.

Thomas E. Whitcraft

Thomas E. Whitcraft

In duplicate



Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket 18

Documents Dated from 5/16/1938 to 4/11/1963

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