



WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

Rocky Mountain National Park

Docket No: 35

FALL RIVER

Preliminary Docket Information

00-00-0000: water right record - id no. romo r13 0573 bf35

WATER RIGHT RECORD

Park: ROMO

Docket Number:

Federal #35

IDENTIFICATION NO: ROMO R 1 3 0 5 7 3 B F 3 5

DITCH/WATER SYSTEM: Horseshoe Ditch

SOURCE OF SUPPLY: Fall River

LOCATION: North bank of Fall River at a point whence the N 1/16 corner common to Section 13, T5N, R74W, and Section 18, T5N, R73W, bears S26°27'E. 969.46 feet.

WATER RIGHT:

Appropriator: Acquired by purchase from Pieter Hondius

Application/Permit Number: Map NP-RM-6984 Transfer of Decreed Priorities.

Certificate Record Number:

Irrigation Priority No. 68, 5/1/1886, in accord with

Date of Priority: Decree of the State District Court in Case No. 4863, June 29, 1916.

Quantity of Water: 4.633 c.f.s.

Purpose: Irrigation. Water to irrigate Horseshoe Meadows and to fill Sheep Lake.

Irrigated Land Description:

SUMMARY OF STATUS: The original Decree was for 5.0 c.f.s.. 0.367 c.f.s. was transferred to other water systems by Decree in Case No. 10050, 1/30/39. (Little Horseshoe, Endo, Campgr. T.R. Road Camp, and Fall River Pass).

Docket No. 35.

H O R S E S H O E D I T C H

Ditch No. 35, Water District No. 4.

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USE

Irrigation. Supplies water to irrigate the Horseshoe Meadows and to fill Sheep Lake.

HEADGATE

Point of Diversion is from the North bank of Fall River about 1100 feet upstream from U. S. Highway No. 34 bridge at a point whence the North 1/16th Corner common to Section 36, Township 5 North, Range 74 West, and Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 73 West, bears South 26° 27' East. About 1400 feet Southeast of Fall River Lodge.

PRIORITY

Irrigation Priority No. 68, Water District No. 4, as of May 1, 1886, in accordance with Decree of the State District Court in Case No. 4862, June 29, 1916.

AMOUNT OF DECREE

4.633 cubic feet of water per second of time but not to exceed 181.468 acre-feet per annum permitted to flow from Fall River at the said point of diversion. The original decree was for 5.0 cubic feet per second but not to exceed 225 acre-feet per annum. 0.367 cubic feet per second of time but not to exceed 73.532 acre-feet per annum was transferred to other water systems by Decree in Case No. 10050, January 30, 1939.

OWNERSHIP and OPERATION

Owned by United States. Acquired by purchase from Pieter Hondius.
Operated by National Park Service.

MAPS

NP-RM-6984, Sheet 1 of 1, Transfers of Decreed Priorities.
NP-RM- , Sheet 2 of 4, Water Systems, Fall River Drainage.

Northern Ranger District.

Horseshoe Park Area.

DOCKET INFORMATION SHEET

Docket Identity	ROMO R 18 05 73 G F 35
Region	ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Area	ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
Site	HORSESHOE DITCH
State	COLORADO
County	LARIMER
Docket	ROMO WATER RIGHT DOCKET 35
Location	T5M R73W SEC 18
Acquired by	PURCHASE
Application	MAP NP-RH-6984 TRANSFER OF PRIORITIES
Permit	68
Certificate	COURT CASE 4863
Priority	MAY 1 1886 - 4.633 CFS
Reservation	JANUARY 26 1915
Status	ACTIVE FEDERAL JUNE 29 1916
Source	SURFACE WATER
Use	IRRIGATION
Quantity	4.633 CFS
Hydrologic Unit	10190006
Remarks	THE ORIGINAL DECREE WAS FOR 5.0 CFS
	0.367 CFS WAS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER WATER SYSTEM
	BY DECREE IN CASE 10050 JANUARY 30 1939



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Re: Water Division No. 1
Case Nos.: 85CW343 & 85CW351

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copies of CORRECTED FINDINGS AND RULING
AND DECREE OF THE WATER COURT in the above-captioned cases.

Respectfully,

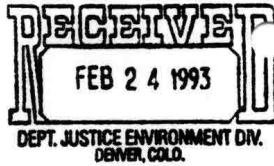
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enclosures

0027 - Hidden Valley Creek / Little Horseshoe Park
- 1,414 cfs consumptive use - 4673
Balance goes to stream
377, 378, 379, 385 - Birchwood Ditch 1, 2, 3
85CW343 = Little Horseshoe / Fall River 415
0027 OR
0035 - Horseshoe Park Ditch to Fall Sheep
Lake
See Pocket 1 - General file mentions

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DENVER, COLO.

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 1, COLORADO

CASE NO. 85CW343
(Boulder County CA 4862)

CORRECTED FINDINGS AND RULING AND DECREE OF THE WATER COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WATER RIGHTS OF
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK,
IN LARIMER COUNTY

Docket #
35

THIS CHANGE was filed with the Water Clerk, Water Division 1, on November 26, 1985 to modify the decree in Boulder County CA 4862 which had also been modified in Boulder County CA 10050. The Court being fully advised in the premises does hereby find:

All notice required by law of the filing of this application have been fulfilled, and the Court has jurisdiction of this application.

A Statement of Opposition to said application was filed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and subsequently withdrawn by stipulation. The time for filing additional statements has expired.

All matters contained in the application were reviewed, and testimony was taken where such testimony was necessary and such corrections made as are indicated by the evidence presented.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Horseshoe Ditch was decreed in Boulder County CA 4862 dated June 29, 1916. The ditch was decreed for irrigation of 85 acres with 5 cfs of water as of May 1, 1886. In CA 10050 dated January 30, 1939 four new points of diversion were granted for a portion of the waters decreed to the Horseshoe Ditch. The quantity remaining, after the change, to be used at the original point of diversion was 4.633 cfs.

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2. Subsequent to 1939 81.6 acres have been irrigated. According to applicant's engineer, the irrigation of 81.6 acres produces an estimated consumptive use of 30.33 acre feet during June, 26.04 acre feet during July, 18.02 acre feet during August and 12.65 acre feet during September. All uses historically were within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park.

3. Applicant requests the consumptively used portion of this right be changed to wildlife and fish maintenance and propagation and recreation uses all within the natural stream channel of the Big Thompson River.

IT IS HEREBY THE DECREE OF THE WATER COURT

1. The name and address of the applicant:

United States of America
Department of Justice
Environment and Natural Resources Division
General Litigation Section
999 18th St., #945
Denver, CO 80202

2. The name of the structure:

Horseshoe Ditch

3. The legal description of the structure:

NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 74 West, 6th P.M., Larimer County, at a point whence the NE corner, SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 32 bears S 26 deg. 27' East 969.46 feet.

4. The source of the water:

Fall River

5. The date of appropriation:

May 1, 1886 as decreed in CA 4862 dated June 29, 1916.

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6. The amount of water:

Horseshoe Ditch was decreed for 4.633 cfs remaining at the original point of diversion after the change in CA 10050. To prevent injury to other water rights, only the consumptive use is transferred herein as follows:

June	0.503 cfs
July	0.432 cfs
August	0.299 cfs
September	0.210 cfs

The remainder of the 4.633 cfs is relinquished to the stream system.

7. The use of the water:

Wildlife and fish maintenance and propagation and recreation all within the natural channel of the Fall River, all limited to use within Rocky Mountain National Park.

8. This change was filed pursuant to a Stipulation for Deletion from Abandonment List in Case Nos. 84CW426 through 84CW466 between the United States and the State Engineer and Division Engineer for Water Division No. 1. In accordance with that stipulation, the United States agrees not to use the water right decreed herein outside of the exterior boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park unless otherwise expressly directed by statute. Furthermore, the United States agrees not to sell the water right decreed herein unless otherwise expressly directed by statute. Should the United States desire to change the place, manner, or time of use of the decreed water right, the United States agrees to file a change of water right application at such time.

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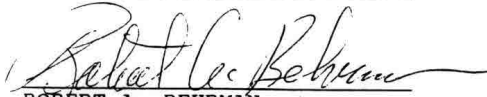
9. This decree was entered pursuant to a stipulation between the United States and the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the issues decided herein were not litigated between the parties. In accordance with that stipulation, the parties shall not be collaterally estopped from asserting any factual or legal claims or defenses in any other case as a result of this decree. Additionally, the parties agree they shall not cite this decree as precedent in any other case.

10. Due to the unique location of this water right and the limitation contained herein, water rights of others will not be injured by this change.

11. This change shall be subject to reconsideration by the water judge on the question of injury to the vested rights of others for a period of 5 years from the date of this decree pursuant to CRS 37-92-304(6).

PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 9 WERE ADDED PURSUANT TO STIPULATION AMONG PARTIES.

Dated: FEB 23 1993



ROBERT A. BEHRMAN
Water Judge
Water Division No. 1
State of Colorado

*This docket
may need to
be consolidated
with Docket #1
(general info).*

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

Reception No. 480428 Stanley A. Curtis, Recorder

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

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 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ West of the 6th P. M., and from which the Southeast one-sixteenth (1/16) corner of Section 14, Township 5 North, Range 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.
		<u>Quantity hereafter to be used from original point of diversion.</u>
		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 NSSW 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 Sorague'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 61° 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,)
COUNTY OF BOULDER.) SS.

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

<u>Horseshoe Ditch</u>		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 dockets in their present status.

(Sgd) Harry B. Robinson

In duplicate Acting Assistant Regional Director

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



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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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

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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Admin. Asst.	
Asst. to R.D.	
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Action taken	
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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 Hondius 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.

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Subject: Water Rights for Water System at Hidden Valley Ski Area, Drawing 3404-A, Rocky Mountain	

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The subject drawing should have a tie to a section corner for water right purposes. The tie may be to any part of the traverses provided the courses are all given from the tie to the point of diversion by traverse. We shall appreciate a print of the necessary sheet of the drawing when the information can be supplied.

The next question is how to establish water rights for the particular system. I favor the transfer of Federally-owned established rights, if possible. Please refer to dockets 25, 27, (35) 37 and 38 which show the following rights which may not be fully exercised, and for which little or no further use is contemplated by the existing systems and proposed systems:

- #25 - Jones Ditch - Priority 57 - 0.875 sec.ft. with annual limit of 13.5 AF.
- #27 - Little Horseshoe Park Water System (old Ashton - CCC System) - Priority 57 - 0.044 sec.ft. with annual limit of 10.493 AF.
- #35 - Horseshoe Ditch - Priority 68 - 4.633 sec.ft. with annual limit of 181.468 AF.
- #37 - Trail Ridge Road Camp - Priority 68 - 0.004 sec.ft. with annual limit of 1.35 AF.
- #38 - Fall River Pass Water System - Priority 68 - 0.100 sec.ft. with annual limit of 16.974 AF.

I believe that the Trail Ridge Road Camp may have been abandoned without constructing the water system. The Fall River Pass water rights are actually exercised to a large extent through the pipeline serving the public accommodations at the junction of the Fall River and Trail Ridge roads, but the point of diversion has not been transferred. We do not know the extent to which water is still used through the Little Horseshoe Park pipeline.

The rights now appurtenant to the Horseshoe and Jones ditches are residuals after the transfers in the adjudication of 1939, Case 10050 in the State Court of Water District No. 4. Additional portions may be transferred to pipelines as needed.

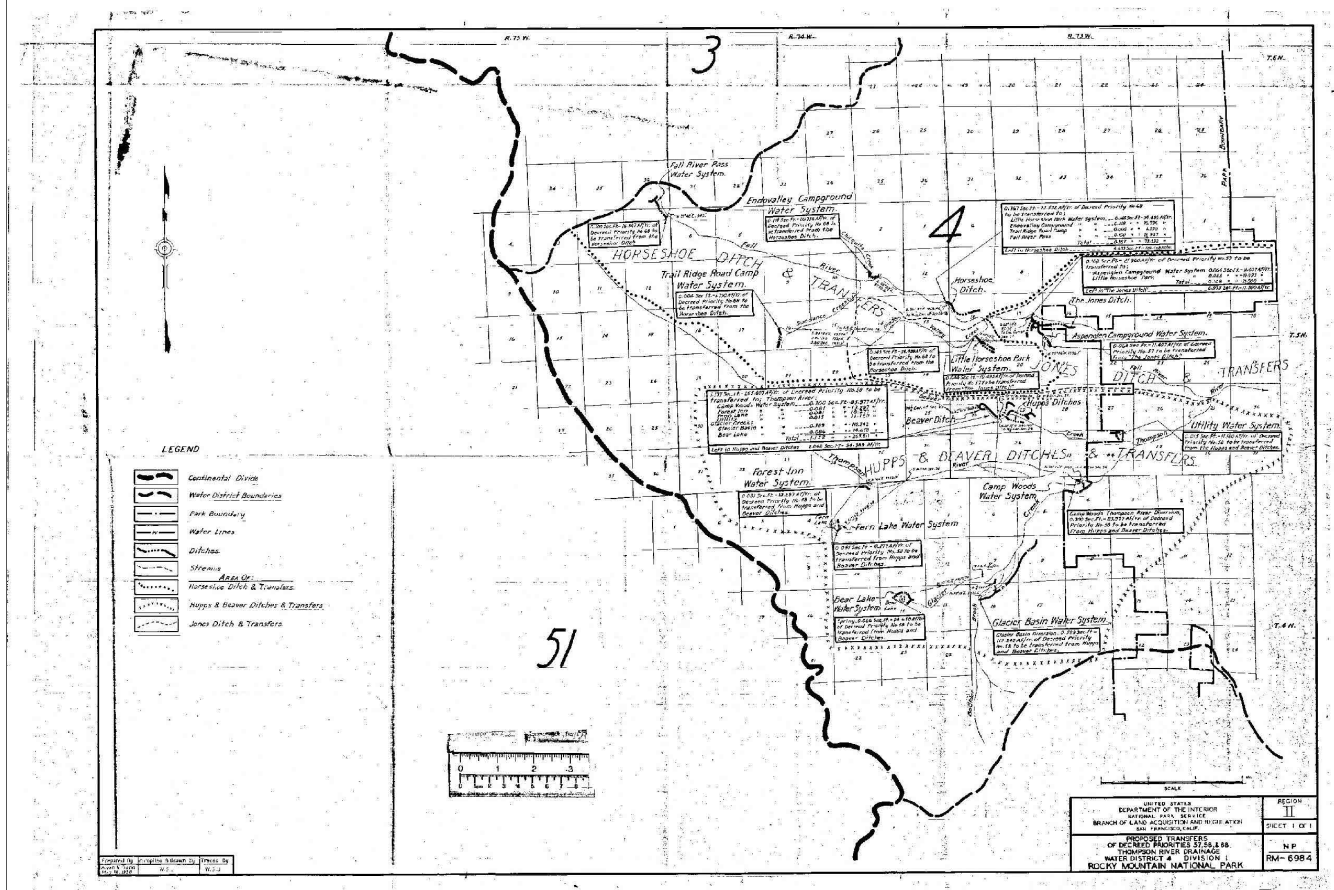
My original proposal to transfer rights from the Harbison Ditch to the Grand Lake Lodge and Entrance Area pipeline in Water District No. 51 was not accepted by former Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Perhaps that possibility should now have reconsideration by the Field and Regional Solicitors, since the alternative effort to have rights established in the Suit between the U. S. and City of Denver has fallen through. In addition, we should obtain the recommendations of the Field and Regional Solicitors as to whether we should prepare claims for adjudication of changes in points of diversion of water in the various water systems mentioned in Water District 4, when they would suggest that we request the Attorney General to initiate such an adjudication, and whether we should file any claims for such changes with the State Engineer.

The legal questions and the preparation of any statements of claim will require a prior report of the variations in uses and the rights recorded in the 5 dockets. If we are to adjudicate soon, we should also have a review of all water uses and rights in Water District 4 to see if other points of diversion should be amended.

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