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Pennington Co.

Priority 1 July 26, 1959

Sec. 15 + 12 N. P. 3 L.

0.25 ac. st. appropriated

CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS  
and  
APPROPRIATION

U. S. Water Right No. 261-2

White House Spring Reservoir  
Name of Project

Battle Creek Water District

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, that the United States of America, Department of  
Agriculture, Forest Service, has complied with the  
State Laws and has been issued a withdrawal No. US 261 bearing date of  
July 21, 1939 withdrawing from further appropriation 0.25 acre-  
feet per annum of water for storage; of the waters of White House Creek,  
County of Pennington, State of South Dakota, at a point N. 5 CO'E.  
185 feet distant from the S. 4 Cor. Sec. 13, T.2S., R.3E.  
for Livestock, fish culture, domestic fire protection, recreation purposes;  
has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of the State of South  
Dakota relating to completion of the works set out and described in  
Section 61.0137, that said works are completed in accordance with infor-  
mation filed in the office of the State Engineer, and 0.25 acre-feet  
per year is thereby appropriated for the above purposes bearing date of  
priority of July 21, 1939.

Witness my hand this 14th day of December 1939.

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer.

WITHDRAWAL NO. US 261Water Division No. 2Battle Creek Water District

## CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF WORKS

Report of Examining Engineer

OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

PIERRE, S. DAK.

White House Spring Reservoir

Project Name and Number

Date Nov. 9, 1939By M. E. Von SeggernWhite House Creek  
Source of Appropriation  
(Stream)

To the State Engineer, Pierre, South Dakota:

Dear Sir: I hereby certify that in accordance with your letter of authorization dated Oct. 16 1939, I have made a thorough examination of White House Spring reservoir,                      ditch, or pipe line constructed by the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Region 2, Denver, Colorado, holder of withdrawal No. US 261 issued upon Notice of Intention bearing date July 17 1939, authorizing the withdrawal from further appropriation of 0.25 acre feet, or                      second feet of the waters of White House Creek, tributary of Spring Creek for livestock, fish culture, domestic, fire protection, irrigation, recreation purposes. I have to report on the condition of the same as follows:

The impounded and diversion works comprise:

Dam: Type Earth - log overflow Foundation Earth  
 Size: Max. Length 35 ft. Maximum height to spillway flow line 3.5 ft. Freeboard none  
 Section: Upstream slope 2:1  
 Downstream slope vertical  
 Top width 2 ft.  
 Yardage (Approx.) 16 cu. yds.  
 Reservoir: Area Normal Pool Level 0.05 acres  
 Capacity 0.10 acre feet  
 Nature of Shore line grassy  
 Spillway: Type Overflow Location top of dam  
 Width 35 ft. Depth 2 ft.  
 Capacity 330 cubic feet per sec.  
 Outlet: Size none Control                       
 Location                       
 Ditches: Open Earth                      Open rock                       
 Pipe                      Length                       
 Section                      Capacity                       
 Location or as shown on plans

The system is in the following condition: Poor - washout at right end  
of dam prevents reservoir from being entirely full - could be easily repaired.

The outlet of the reservoir or the point of diversion of the ditch,  
canal or pipe line is located N. 5° 0' East 135 ft.  
feet distant from the  $\frac{3}{4}$  Corner of Section 13 Township 2S.  
Range. 3E.

The works are capable of utilizing 0.25 acre-feet of water  
annually second-foot of water.

The legal subdivisions to be irrigated are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ comprising a total of \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land.

The domestic and stockwater uses comprise household purposes and  
water for livestock.

The utilization for Public recreational, game and fish propagation and  
fire protection comprises Bathing, rearing fish, and water supply for  
fire-fighting equipment

The project was completed 1934

Witness my hand, this 9th day of November A.D. 19 39.

M. E. Von Seggern  
Examining Engineer

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION  
for  
Inspection

October 16 1939

H. E. Von SoegernCuster, South DakotaWhite House Spring Reservoir  
Name of Project  
Water Division No. 2  
Little Creek Water District  
White House Creek  
Source of Appropriation  
(Stream)

Dear Sir:

The United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Denver, Colorado, having filed "Notice of Intention" to utilize certain specified waters of the State, and there having been issued a withdrawal from further appropriation as provided in Section 61.0137, 1939 Revised Code of South Dakota and identified as Withdrawal No. U. S. 261, on White House Creek (stream) County of Pennington on the Harnoy National Forest, has informed this office that the construction for the diversion, storage, appropriation and application of water to beneficial use has been fully completed and is ready for examination.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized to arrange with the holder of said withdrawal for an examination of the White House Spring reservoir, ditto, or pipe line constructed and owned by the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, on the Harnoy National Forest and also an inspection to determine the amount of water stored and applied to beneficial use.

In this examination you will ascertain whether or not the constructed works comply fully with the plans submitted and are capable of using quantities of water as set forth in the "Notice of Intention", and give in complete form all the information which is suggested by the statements in the Certificate of Inspection which is herewith enclosed, in the attached instructions, and such other information as will enable the State Engineer to act intelligently and judiciously in the matter of determining the status of completion of the projects.

You should also arrange with the holder of the withdrawal for the payment of your fee for this service and such proper expenses as you incur in making this examination and report and taking the testimony.

Very truly yours,

State Engineer.

WITHDRAWALS No. US-261

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White House Spring Reservoir  
Name of Project

Water Division No. 2

OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER  
PIERRE, S. DAK.  
Battle Creek Water District

## NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF WORKS

P.O. Denver, Colorado,Date September 25, 1939.

TO THE STATE ENGINEER OF SOUTH DAKOTA, PIERRE:

Dear Sir: Notice is hereby given of the completion of the construction of White House Spring Reservoir reservoir, ditch, or pipe line constructed and owned by the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service on the Harney National Forest. The project provides for the diversion and storage or direct diversion of quantities of water as shown on the plans and reports submitted and the project has been completed in accordance with the said plans and reports, terms and conditions of withdrawals heretofore issued by the State Engineer of the State of South Dakota or as shall be hereafter reported by the Examining Engineer.

1. The proper name of the Federal Agency holding said withdrawal is United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.
2. The name and postoffice address of the proper corresponding official for said Federal Agency is Regional Forester, Denver, Colorado.
3. The project is located in SW-SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section, 13, Township 2 South, Range 3 East.
4. Said water to be used for Livestock, fish culture, domestic, fire protection, irrigation and recreation. purposes.
5. The amount of water which said completed works are capable of impounding or conducting to the place of intended use is as shown by information previously submitted or as shall be hereafter reported by the Examining Engineer M. E. Von Seggorn.
6. The amount of land for which said water is available is \_\_\_\_\_ acres, particularly described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in the above notice are true.

*James L. Brownlee*  
JAMES L. BROWNLEE  
Assistant Regional Forester  
Division of Engineering

CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL  
of  
WATER FOR APPROPRIATION  
to the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE.

US No. 261

White House Spring Reservoir  
Name of Project

Water Division No. 2  
Little Creek Water District

Pennington County  
County

White House Creek  
Source of Appropriation - Stream

The United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, having filed "Notice of Intention" to utilize certain heretofore unappropriated public waters of the State of South Dakota, in accordance with the requirements of the statutes of the State of South Dakota, such statutes and authority being contained in Section 61.0137 1939 Revised Code of South Dakota, now therefore:

This is to certify that there is hereby reserved, of the heretofore unappropriated waters of White House Creek, the annual amount of 0.25 acre-feet of water to maintain storage in White House Spring reservoir created by damming said stream at a point

N. 50. 00' E., 185  
feet distant from the S. 1/4 Corner of Section 13, Township 2 S.  
Range 3 E.. The purpose of such storage is livestock, fish  
culture, domestic, fire protection, irrigation, recreation.

This is to certify that there is hereby reserved, of the heretofore unappropriated waters of \_\_\_\_\_ a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ cubic feet per second to be diverted through the \_\_\_\_\_ ditch, canal or pipe line at a point located on the \_\_\_\_\_ bank

feet distant from the \_\_\_\_\_ Corner of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

during the months of \_\_\_\_\_

This certificate and withdrawal shall in no manner prejudice, alter, amend or affect the rights of any prior appropriator or prior appropriation of water, nor of any application for appropriation pending on the date of this certificate, but the rights and privileges of any and all such prior appropriators or applicants for appropriation of water shall remain inviolate and intact, the same as if the within withdrawal had not been made.

This certificate shall be and is subject to cancellation in accordance with the provisions of the statutes hereinbefore referred to and under the authority of which this certificate is issued.

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes hereinbefore referred to, this certificate is executed at the State Capitol at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21 day of July 1939.

Edward J. Luecke  
State Engineer

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WATER RESOURCES  
Water Rights

NOTICE OF INTENTION  
to the  
STATE ENGINEER  
of the  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER  
PIERRE, S. DAK.

White House Spring  
Reservoir Project  
Harney Forest  
South Dakota

Denver, Colorado.

July 17, 1939

Date

Notice of Intention to divert, store and appropriate water for beneficial uses from certain streams in South Dakota by the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

The United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, through its officers duly appointed to administer the National Forests in South Dakota, hereby notifies the State Engineer of South Dakota of its intentions to appropriate, by construction, diversion, storage and beneficial use, the unappropriated public waters of South Dakota, under Section 61.0137 of the 1939 Revised Code of South Dakota. Application is hereby made for the withdrawal of certain unappropriated public waters of the State of South Dakota in an amount sufficient to maintain storage in White House Spring Reservoir, or to satisfy the requirements of the \_\_\_\_\_ ditch, canal or pipe line,

and the following information is furnished:

1. Representative of the United States of America authorized to act in procurement of water rights.

Ans. Regional Forester, United States Department of Agriculture,  
Forest Service, Region 2, Denver, Colorado.

2. Name of intending appropriator.

Ans. United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest  
Service.

3. Name and address of agency representing intending appropriator.

Ans. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Region  
2, Denver, Colorado.

4. Name of reservoir, ditch, canal or pipe line.

Ans. White House Spring Reservoir

5. County in which water is to be diverted, stored and appropriated.

Ans. Pennington County

6. Name of stream from which water is to be diverted, stored and appropriated.

Ans. White House Creek

7. The outlet of the reservoir or the point of diversion of ditch,  
canal or pipe line is located N. 5<sup>0</sup>, 00' E., 185 foot  
distant from the S<sub>4</sub> Corner of Section 13 Township 2 S  
Range. 3 E.

8. Uses to which water directly diverted or diverted and stored, is to be put.

Ans. Livestock, fish culture, domestic, fire protection, irrigation, recreation

9. The available capacity of reservoir in acre feet.

Ans. 0.10 acre feet

10. The carrying capacity of ditch, canal or pipe line in cubic feet per second.

Ans.

11. Acre feet of water to be appropriated annually for diversion and storage in reservoir.

Ans. 0.25 acre feet.

12. Cubic feet of water per second to be appropriated for direct diversion by ditch, canal, or pipeline.

Ans.

13. Location of lands to be irrigated.

Ans.

14. Class of plans accompanying "Notice of Intention".

Ans. Standard plans.

  
C. J. Stahl,

Acting Regional Forester