

San Francisco, Cal., March 25, 1915

Spud,
Fishman,

Millett, Nev.

Dear Mrs:

I have received another letter in reference to your water right on Pine Creek. I am convinced that you have the first right to the surplus water that passes the Pine Creek Ranch; and that Hooper would have no right to take any of such water unless it was water that you could not use. Of course if there is surplus water that can be taken up below your dam, you could not object to his taking it, subject to your first right. I thought this matter had been made plain in my former letter, but it seems that you are still afraid that he will get your water. I advised you to make use of the water as you have been and put into cultivation as much of your land as you have water for and have no trouble with your neighbors regarding it, if it can be avoided. If Hooper constructs ditches to divert the water that you have been using, I would be glad to have you report the fact to me.

Very respectfully,

Copy to James
Special Indian Agent.

San Francisco, Cal. March 25, 1915

Tim Hooper,

Manhattan, Nev.

Dear Sir:

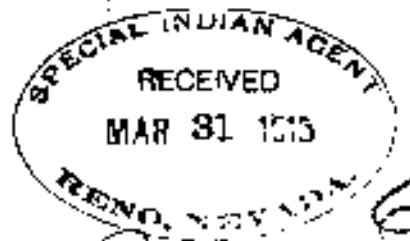
I thought the water controversy between yourself and the other Indians who have allotments near you was already understood, but it seems that they are still afraid that they will be deprived of their water. I have written them as I did before, that they have the first right to the water that is not used by the Pine Creek Ranch, as they have already appropriated it and that you will not be permitted to divert any water that will interfere with the rights that they already have. The fact that you may plan to take the water from above their allotments does not alter the case, as their right is prior to yours, and if the matter were taken before the State Engineer or into Court, you would not be able to hold the right to water appropriated now. I hope there is enough for you to make some use of your land without interfering with their right, but if there is not then you will have to give up the use of water from Pine Creek.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

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*Copy to
Mr. Jones*



Manhattan Nev

March 28, 1915

Mr. O. H. Ashbury
Reno Nev.

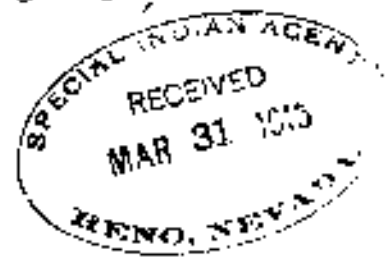
Dear Sir:

Your letter of Mar 23 at hand contents would in re-
ply will say that I have already
explained to you that I would
only use the water which has
already been used by the
Pine Creek ranch for years,
except a creek south of Pine
Creek & Meadows creek which has
not been used or appropriated
by any one at any time & does
not go to Spud or Hiskernan
but all when I put it on
my land.

I will not go on the land until
you come to see for yourself just
how it is, I don't want to start

any trouble & as it is your duty
to look after this matter for us
Indians the earlier you come the
better for all hands, if I get on
the land soon I can cut some
hay & put in garden this year
now if you cant come soon I
shall have to look to Washington
for help,
Hoping to see you soon,
Dana.

Yours truly,
Tim Hopper



April 8, 1913.

Mr. Tim Hooper,

Manhattan, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 26th and am glad to know that there is no conflict between your proposed use of water and the other Indians'. If you are convinced that the water, you propose to appropriate, conflicts in no way with other water, there is no reason why you should wait and possibly loose the chance of raising a crop this year, as I cannot tell just when I can reach your place, though I still hope to go over that land carefully sometime this summer. If that was the only piece of land, that I had to examine, it would be attended to promptly, but I have a very large territory. There are many such cases awaiting attention and we are trying to dispose of them as expeditiously, as possible.

Very respectfully,

Special Indian Agent.

1916
Manhattan, Nevada, May 4 1916

File
Mr. O. H. Asbury,
Chemawa, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

I received your favor April 18th and was glad to hear from you. Had been wondering what had become of you.

Regarding Fisherman and Spud will say that they are doing very well with their lands. Have built good cabins, fenced and cultivated the land and are raising stock. I went there a few weeks ago to survey a piece for Aleck Mike, which you may remember, he had applied for through you but beyond indicating to him how the land lay had not marked it out. It is now surveyed and staked. He has fenced part of it. The indians had me apply for the water and I filed all necessary papers with the State Engineer.

Regarding Tim Hooper: I am fully conversant with all the facts in his case. I do not believe in any white man jumping land or mining claims on technicalities. When it comes to an indian doing this, egged on as a matter of spite as I am informed,

would stand the rigorous requirements of law. Nor would many of the indian land claims. I am invariably in favor of protecting an indian in his rights but do not uphold him when he does what I would deny to a white man.

No, there are no others in that locality who desire land at present. I have urged Alec Mike to take up some land for his children. Also the other indians. But they have not as yet acted on my recommendation.

I hope you are well and can find time to drop me a line occasionally, if only to let me know that you are still "on deck". Any service I can render you in your line will be cheerfully attended to.

Yours sincerely,

L. F. Blair.

Millett & Co. Nev.

April 7th 1916

Mr C. H. Asbury,
Reno Nev.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you at request of Fisherman, and Spud (Shoshone Indians) who have each an allotment in Manitor Valley, near the Pine Creek ranch, from which they use the waste water.

You probably remember that I wrote to you about one year ago, for these same Indians, as they were at that time having trouble with an Indian known as Tim Hoop but after receiving your letter he concluded to take home elsewhere.

now the trouble is with an Indian named Alex Mike, who in the last week has had a Surveyor to run off the lines for him for a piece of land adjoining Fisherman and Spuds Land, as you will see by the enclosed map.

There is an old ditch that gathers a part of the waste water after it leaves the Pine Creek meadow, said ditch empties near the head of Fisherman ditch, they each have a ditch from the creek, to their allotments, these ditches also pick up the waste waters after it leaves the Pine Creek meadows.

To begin with there is very little waste water after the flood period and Spud and Fisherman need it all. at best they would only have enough for a few acres.

now what I wish to explain to you is, this Surveyor L. F. Clark, of Washlaton Nev. told Alex, that he

could take the waste water that these men claim
as they had lost their rights by not applying in time
to the State Engineer. Spud, and Fisherman have used the
water for three years, and spent all they have made by
working for the ranchers near by, improving their homes,
they are both good Indians, and everyone knows that they
are entitled to the water, and if this said Alex Mike is
allowed to deprive them of the water they will be compelled
to forfeit their holdings, it seems the Surveyor told Alex, that
he could also cut Spud's ditch and use the water on the lower
end of his land. I have not been over there since they
took up their land, but they both rode over to my
place near Millett over 25 miles to have me explain the
matter to you. about a year ago they wished to apply for
the water, after receiving your letter in reference to it, and
Mr. Clark told them that he would fix it up for them,
as near as I can understand they paid him enough to pay for
advertising I suppose, and about one month ago they say
they paid Clark \$6.80 each for the map the Indian don't
know what map he meant, but supposed ~~but~~ that
it had something to do with their water right.
now they are afraid that Mr. Clark did not make the applica-
tion of course they are at a disadvantage not being able
to read. I hope you will kindly look into the matter,
as they are very much worried over it.
I wish it was possible for you come up this way.

Yours respectfully,
Fred J. Jones

Spud and Fisherman's address is Belmont now
in case you should have any correspondence
with Mr L. F. Clair, the Surveyor, please
withhold my name in this matter, as I don't
care to have him know, that I know how he
is doing, as he may try to do me an injury.

F. J. J.

If you should chance to come

out this way I should be pleased

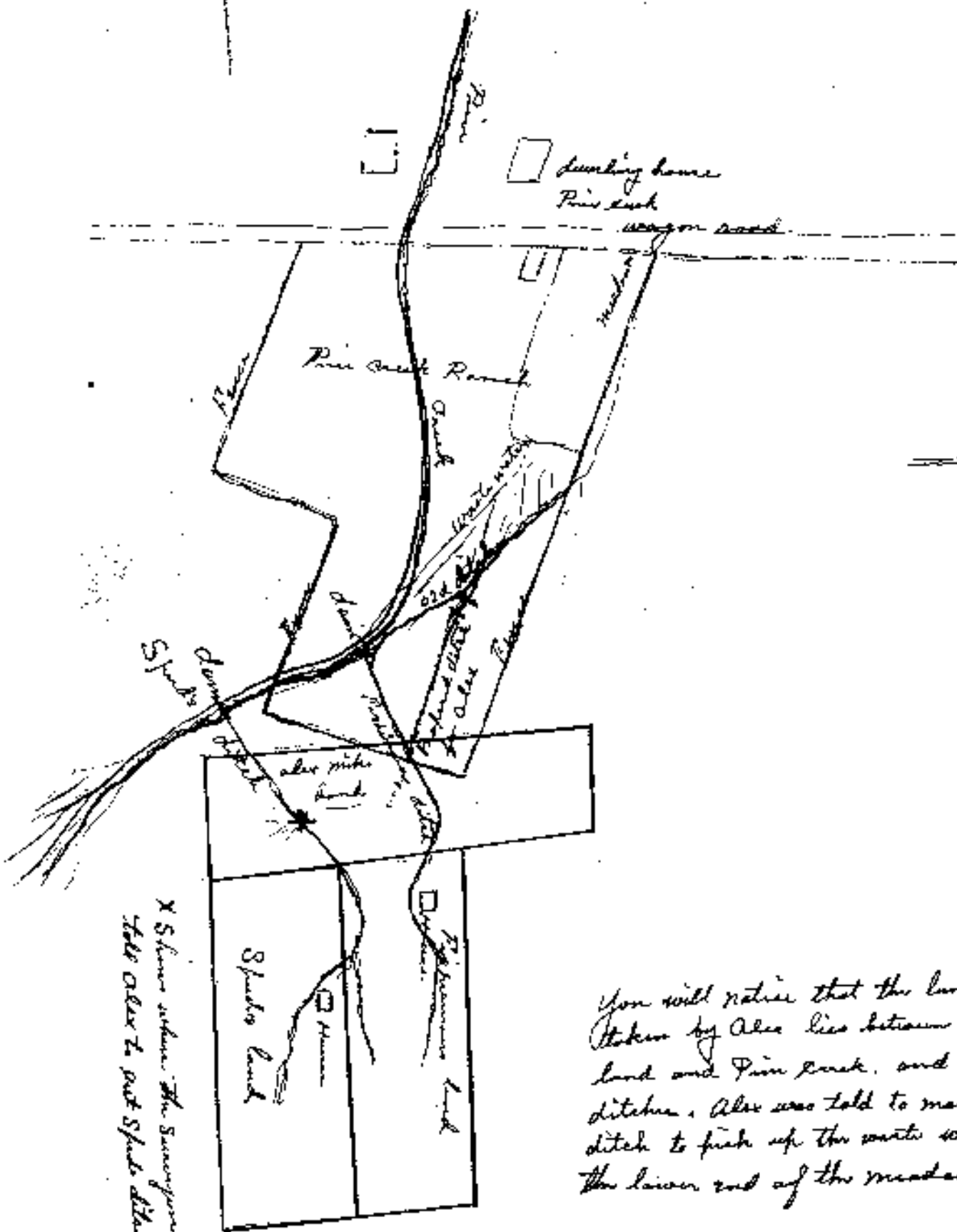
to have you call on me, my place

is the first place south of

Millitt Post Office - 2 1/2 miles.

in writing to me, please address to Raised Mountain

as I receive the mail sooner that way than by Millitt.



North

X Shows where the Surveyor
 has Alec's out Spuds ditch

You will notice that the land recently
 taken by Alec lies between Fisherman's
 land and Pine Creek, and across the
 ditch, Alec was told to make a new
 ditch to fish up the waste water from
 the lower end of the meadow,