Original General Mine Correspondence

0047

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Manti-La Sal National Forest
Price Ranger District
599 West Price River Dr.
Price, Utah 84501

ACT/007/006 #2
ACT/015/025 #2
~~ACT/007~~

Reply to: 2540
Date: June 08, 1993

CC: J. Smith
MAW
Pam

Copy Tom, Ken, Hugh

Any comments? let me know by 6/16.

RECEIVED
JUN 09 1993
DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING

Lowell Braxton
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
355 West Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Lowell:

On September 24, 1992, Castle Valley Special Services District (CVSSD) filed an application to amend their existing Special Use Permit, to develop an aquifer approximately 1 mile downstream of their current wells to tie into their existing water line in the Tie Fork area, for culinary use.

This will be accomplished by excavating an interceptor trench along the rock outcrop as shown on the attached map and drawing. Drain rock will be installed, along with perforated pipe to collect the water; then excavate further and install a 4" diameter PVC distribution line along the existing water line until a gravity tie can be made. The trench will be approximately 25 feet deep by 300 feet long. The permit area requested will be 100 feet by 400 feet (0.92 acre). The distribution line will be within the existing special use permit boundary. The facility will be used year round and will be permanent. No temporary work areas will be required, no future expansion is anticipated. Construction was proposed for late spring of 1993. This scoping letter helps initiate the environmental analysis process.

The proposed action for this analysis is to permit the development of the aquifer. Management emphasis for the project area is for range forage production (RNG) as defined in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Adjacent are general and key winter range management areas (GWR and KWR respectively). General direction for municipal watershed (MWS) activities in these management emphasis areas as defined in the Forest Plan is:

* RNG - none.
* GWR - none.
* KWR - none.
* MWS - prolong stream flow where feasible to increase water yields.

The purpose and need of the proposed action is to maintain a sufficient supply of culinary water for members of the CVSSD in Emery County, Utah. Additionally,

excess water will be released at the existing wells into Tie Fork canyon, thereby enhancing the riparian area downstream.

The proposal would be amending CVSSD's existing special use permit with management requirements. The analysis will consider a range of alternatives that respond to the proposed action, purpose and need, and issues identified in scoping. A No Action alternative would be considered. No Action for this analysis is no further spring development.

The Price District Ranger is the Responsible Official for the environmental analysis. When the analysis is complete, a decision will be issued and interested publics will be notified.

Please provide any comments or responses for this scoping letter by June 18, 1993. Your comments are welcome by phone, in person, or in writing. Please address written comments to the Price District Ranger, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501. Our phone number is (801) 637-2817. Your input will be accepted at any time prior to the time the decision on this proposal is made. However, the earlier in the process that we are made aware of comments, the more useful they will be in our analysis and decision-making process.

Jeff DeFreest, of my staff, has been identified as the Interdisciplinary Team Leader for this analysis. For additional information on this proposal, feel free to contact him at this office.

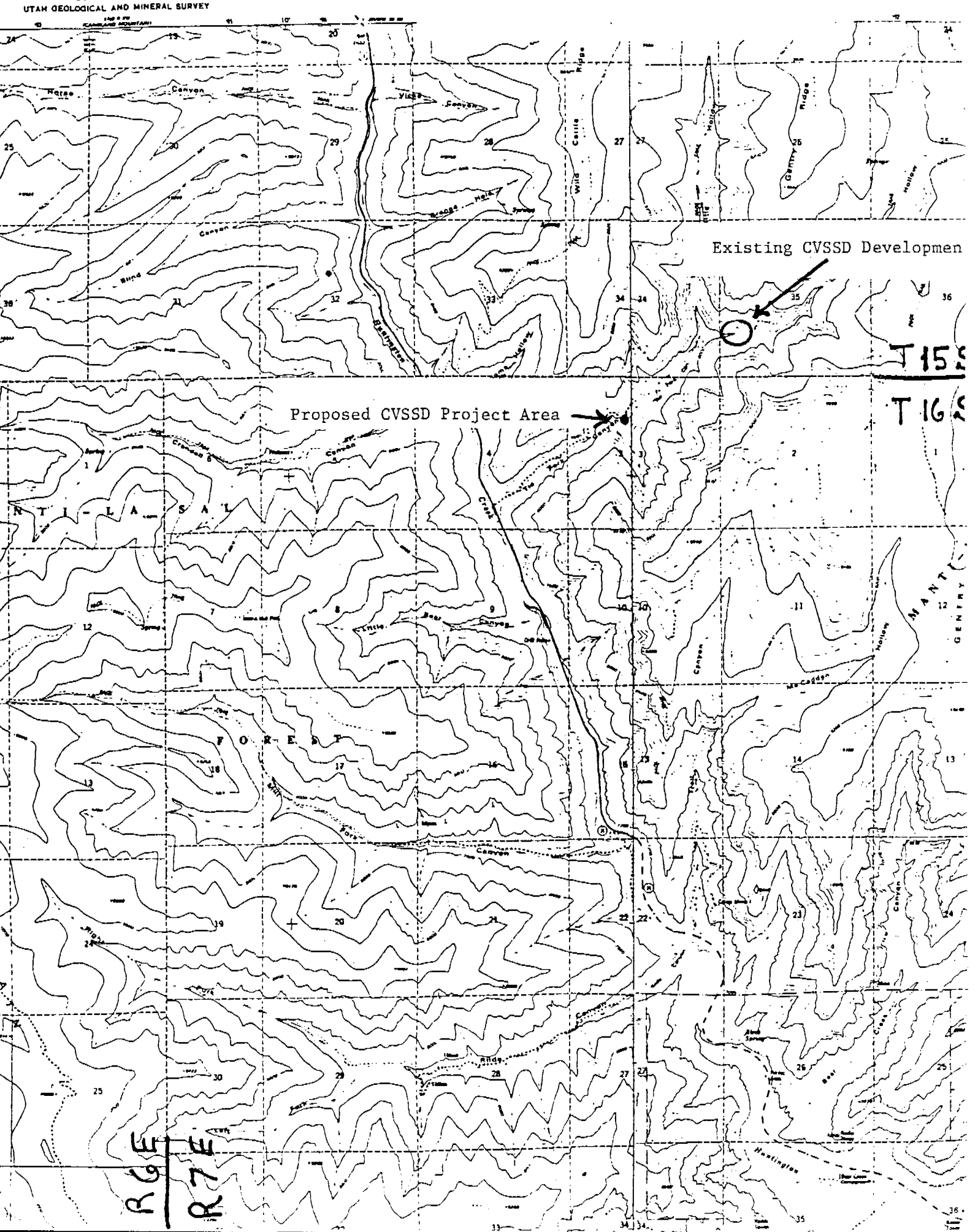
Sincerely,

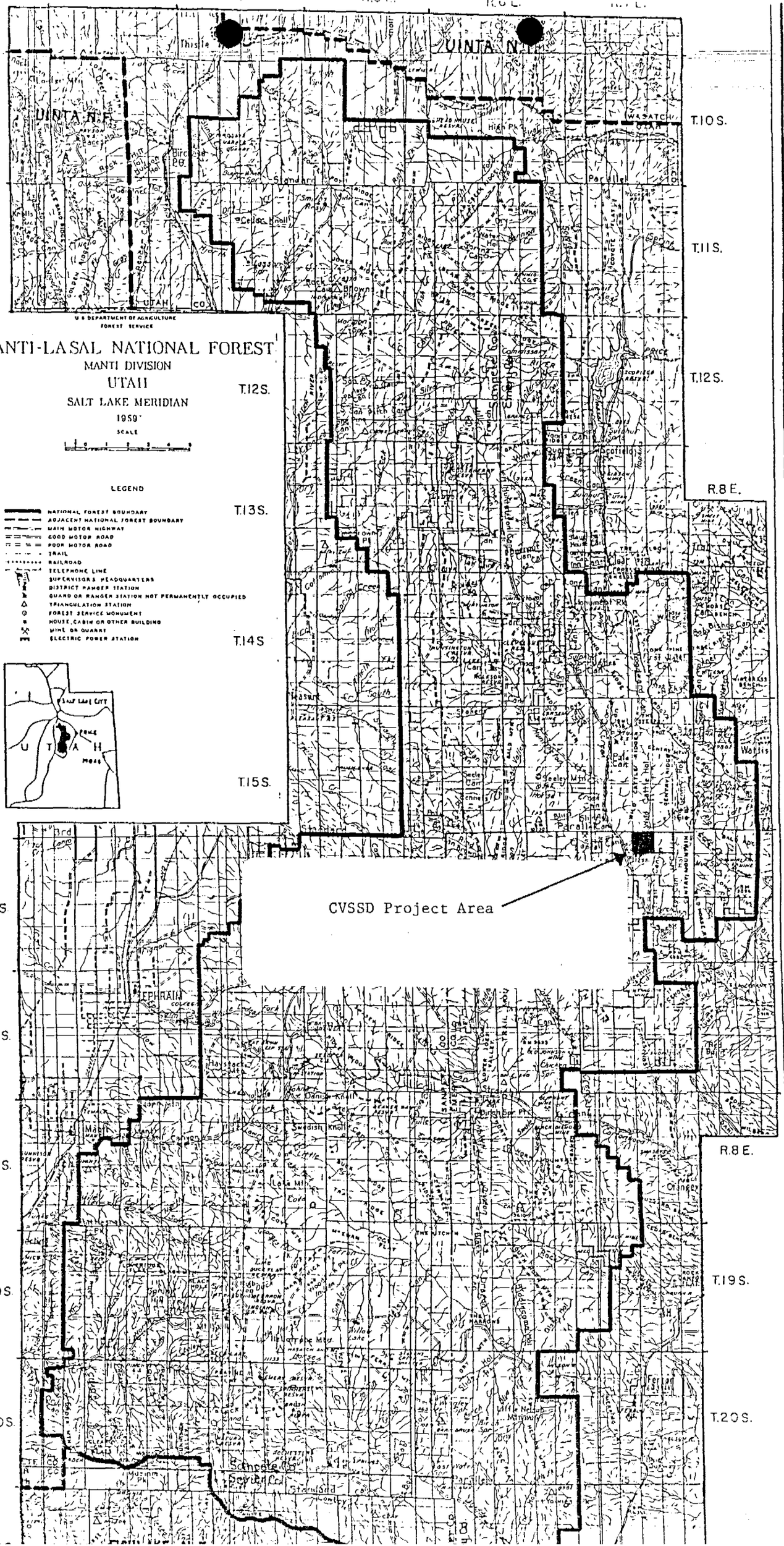
Charles J. Jankiewicz
Price District Ranger

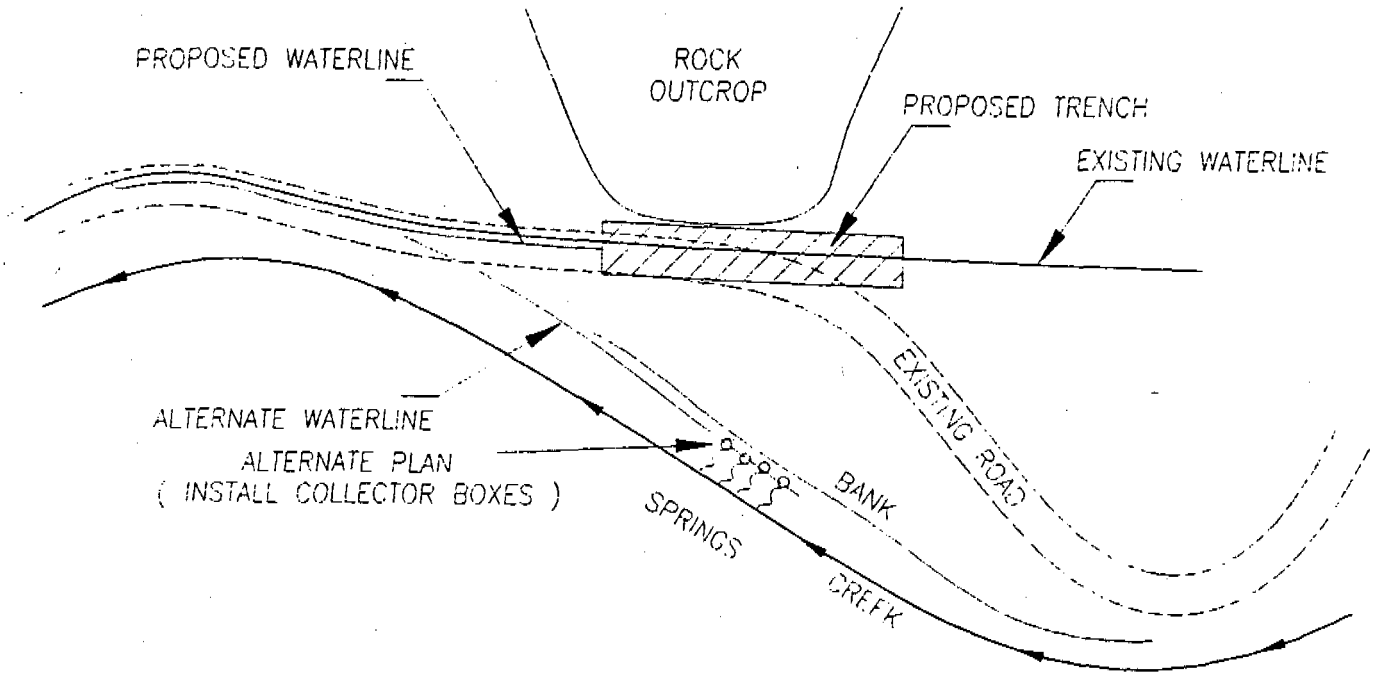
Enclosures

USGS 7-1/2 Minute Quads
Rilda Canyon Quad/Hiawatha Quad

Approximate Scale 1:24,000

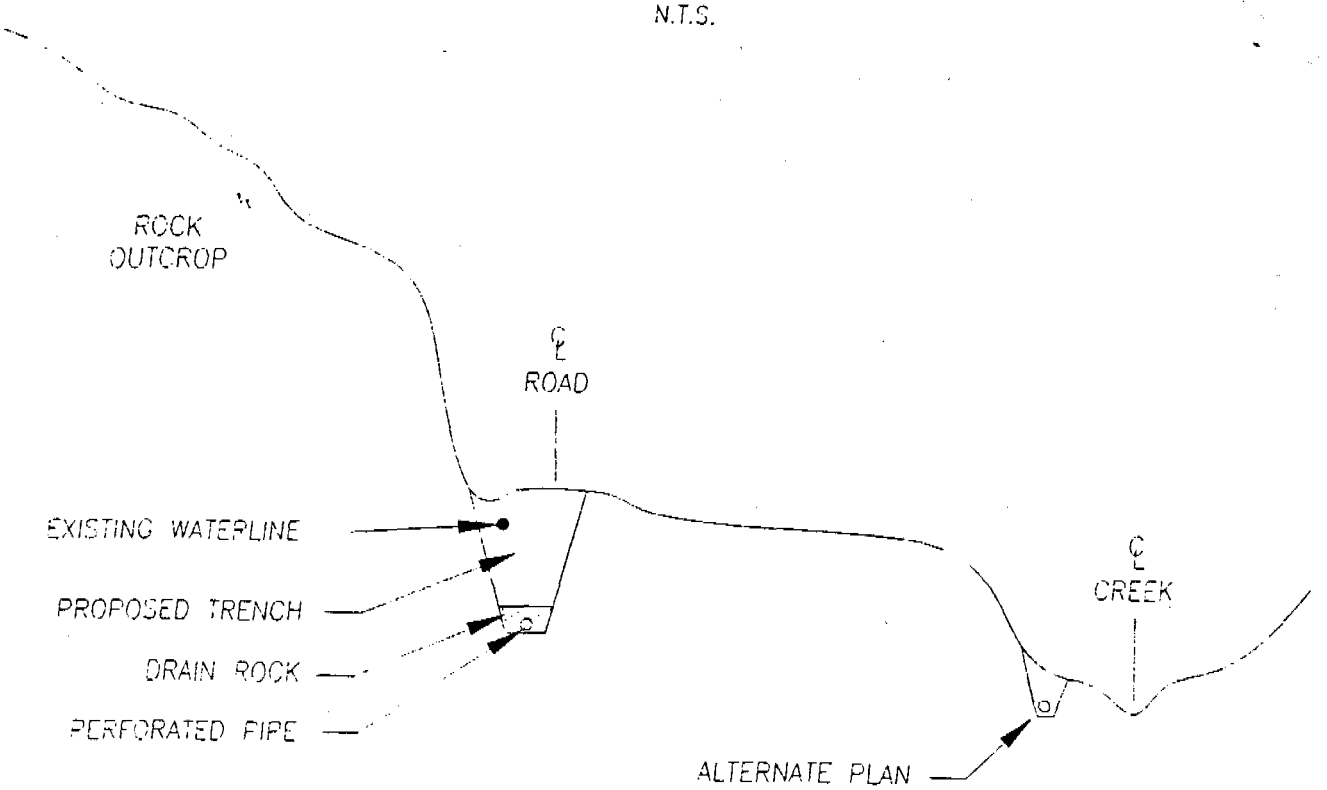



U S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST
MANTI DIVISION
UTAH
SALT LAKE MERIDIAN
1959
SCALE
LEGEND
NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY
ADJACENT NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY
MAIN MOTOR HIGHWAY
GOOD MOTOR ROAD
POOR MOTOR ROAD
TRAIL
RAILROAD
TELEPHONE LINE
SUPERVISORS HEADQUARTERS
DISTRICT RANGER STATION
GUARD OR RANGER STATION NOT PERMANENTLY OCCUPIED
TRIANGULATION STATION
FOREST SERVICE MONUMENT
HOUSE, CABIN OR OTHER BUILDING
MINE OR QUARRY
ELECTRIC POWER STATION
SALT LAKE CITY
PROVO
MOAB
UTAH
UINTA N.F.
WASATCH
T.10S.
T.11S.
T.12S.
T.13S.
T.14S
T.15S.
T.16S.
T.17S.
T.18S.
T.19S.
T.20S.
R.8E.
CVSSD Project Area



PLAN VIEW

N.T.S.



SECTIONAL VIEW

N.T.S.

TIE FORK SPRING DEVELOPMENT
CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL
SERVICE DISTRICT