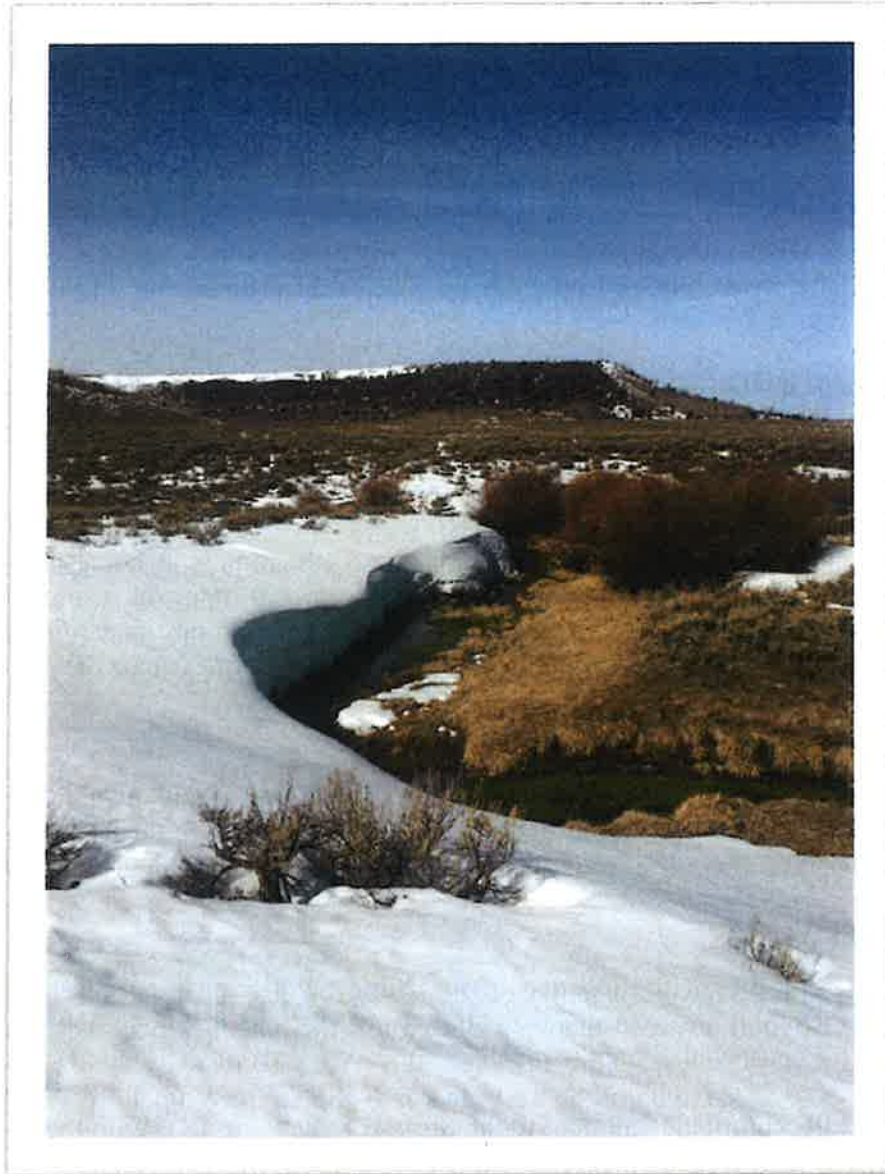


SAGE CREEK SPRINGS WORKSHOP

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TOUR OF THE RAWLINS WATER SUPPLY

RAWLINS GROUNDWATER SUPPLY FIELD VISIT AGENDA

Stop 1. Water Treatment Plant

The treatment plant was commissioned in 1979 and treats about a million gallons a day. The treatment plant typically draws water directly from the Sage Creek Basin Springs Pipeline and adds water from Peaking Reservoir when the pipeline cannot meet instantaneous demand. Water from Atlantic Rim Reservoir may also be diverted into the pipeline, if necessary, to meet demand. The system is designed to make maximum use of the Springs, which have the highest quality water. Atlantic Rim Reservoir is primarily filled with spring water, at times when it is not immediately needed. Additional water comes from the Nugget wellfield (flowing wells) and the North Platte River (pumped up from Ft. Steele) to augment the Spring-water supply when necessary.

The Spring's water quality is so good that a Diatomaceous Earth (DE) filter and chlorine gas disinfection is sufficient treatment to meet current EPA standards. When reservoir or Platte River water is introduced, turbidity levels are such that pretreatment is necessary.

The pre-treatment process consists of powdered activated carbon (PAC) and an ACTIFLO system. Treatment downstream of the pre-treatment system employs diatomaceous earth (DE) filters and a chlorine gas disinfection system. The pre-treatment removes T/O with PAC. The ACTIFLO system was constructed to remove high levels of turbidity and TOC prior to DE filtration. DE filtration operates very well with low turbidity water (less than 5 NTU).

Stop 2. Pipeline

Stretching from the Springs, 32 miles south of the City, to the water treatment plant. The pipeline gravity flows nearly a billion gallons of high quality water to the City every year. Originally a wood stave pipe. The wood stave was replaced with a steel pipe in the 90's.

Stop 3. Miller Hill Vault

The Miller Hill vault sits at the junction of the Nugget Wells pipeline and the Sage Creek Springs pipeline. Up until last year, the wells flowed into the pipeline under their own pressure, but it takes 80 psi to push water into the pipeline at this point. To increase the yield of the wells, two 50hp pumps were added to boost the well water into the Springs' pipeline. With the booster pumps off, the wells contribute 750 gpm to the Springs' pipeline flow. With the pumps on, the well flows increase to 1250 gpm. (There are no pumps in the wells themselves.)

Stop 4. Nugget Wellfield

There are three wells into the Nugget Sandstone, between 1625 and 1743 feet deep. Although the aquifer is fine-grained and only 100 ft. thick, fracturing has greatly increased its permeability. With a natural pressure of 120-140 psi at the wellhead, the wells provide an abundant, free-flowing groundwater resource. The well water is more mineralized than the spring water, however, so the springs remain the source of choice. The Nugget Sandstone dips down to the east at this point. Its pressure is contained by the overlying shale formations. Water gets into the Nugget where it is close to the surface, beneath the deposits on top of Miller Hill to the southwest. You can see the layer of Browns Park Formation forming a cap on Miller Hill from this point.

Stop 5. Cloverly Well

The Rawlins-Cloverly Well is approximately 1 mile southwest of the Nugget wellfield, along the alignment of the original Sage Creek Springs pipeline, to which it contributed flow. The well is not connected to the new Springs' pipeline but could be used to provide construction water to local projects. There are remnants of the old wood stave pipeline in the Cloverly Well area.

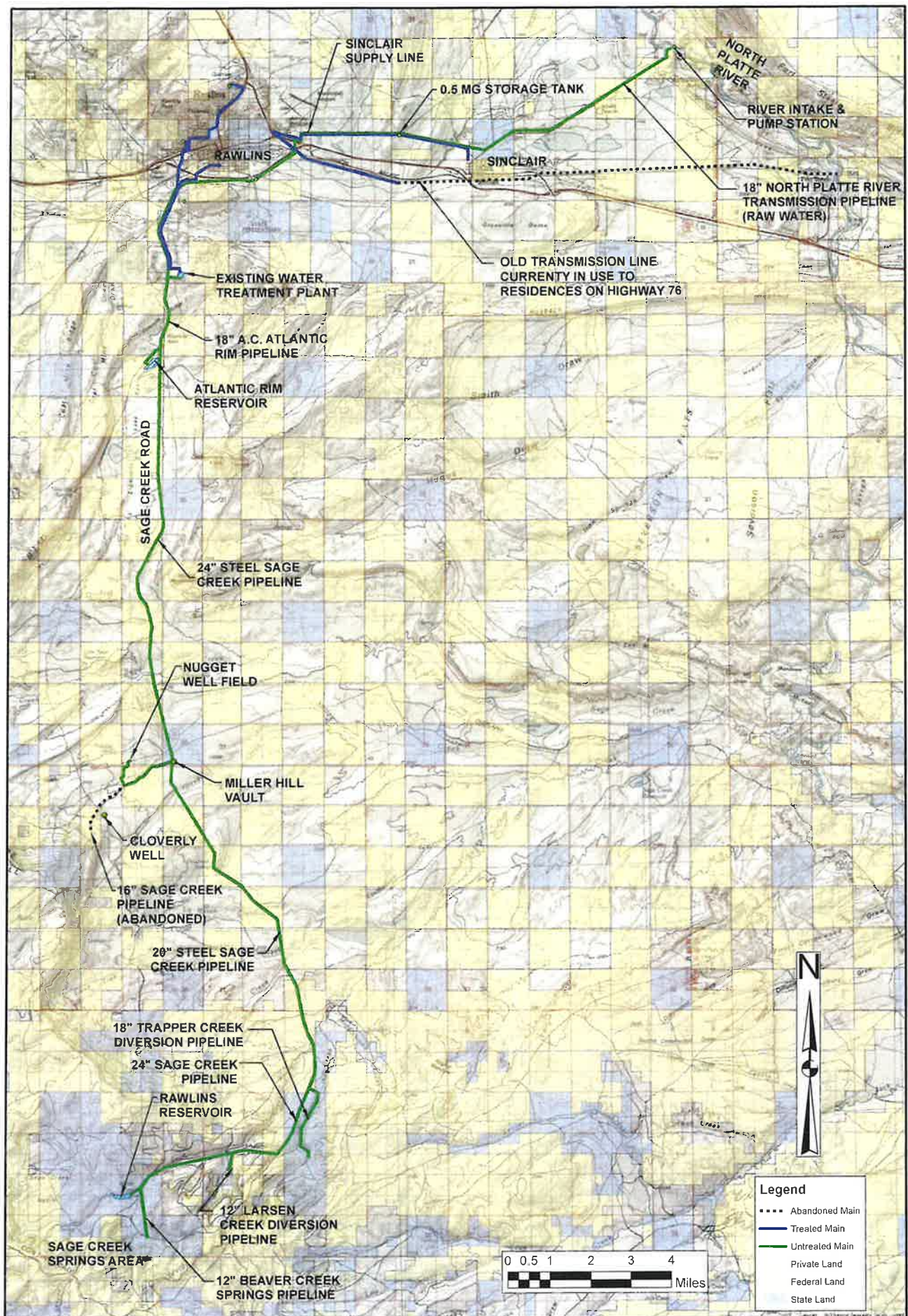
Testing of the well in 1984 found a shut-in pressure of 126 psi. The well flows 75-100 gpm to the surface. It was taken out of the municipal water-supply system around 40 years ago due to its small contribution, deteriorating condition, and wellhead water-quality issues. At this point, the well mainly serves to represent the potential of the Cloverly Formation at this location.

Stop 6. Upper Sage Creek Basin Springs

1. Sage Creek Basin SnoTel - Tucked into a small drainage, The Sage Creek Basin SnoTel, has been reporting since October of 2001. Data from this site is used in water management decisions for the City water system and can be accessed on the web at: <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/site?sitenum=1015>.
2. City of Rawlins Spring #7 - The concrete spring box was constructed over the original spring sometime in the fifties. The collection system to the east springs is still the original wood stave pipeline.
3. Previously damaged Springs' collection line. Repaired by the Public Works Department in the spring of 2015. The wooden stave pipeline required excavation and addition of stainless clamps. The repair improved the water delivery by approximately 200 gpm.
4. Private Corrals – Owned by the Overland Trail Ranch. The ranch has run as many as 2500 head of cattle in the Basin. The cattle congregate around the springs and could be negatively impacting the pipeline and springs function.
5. Snow Fence – Built in the 90's when the west collection system was upgraded from wood stave to plastic pipe. The snow fence collects winter snow and improves spring water production.
6. High View – This is where your water comes from. While a remote place it's still vulnerable to mineral and energy development, poorly managed livestock grazing, aging collection system and neglect.

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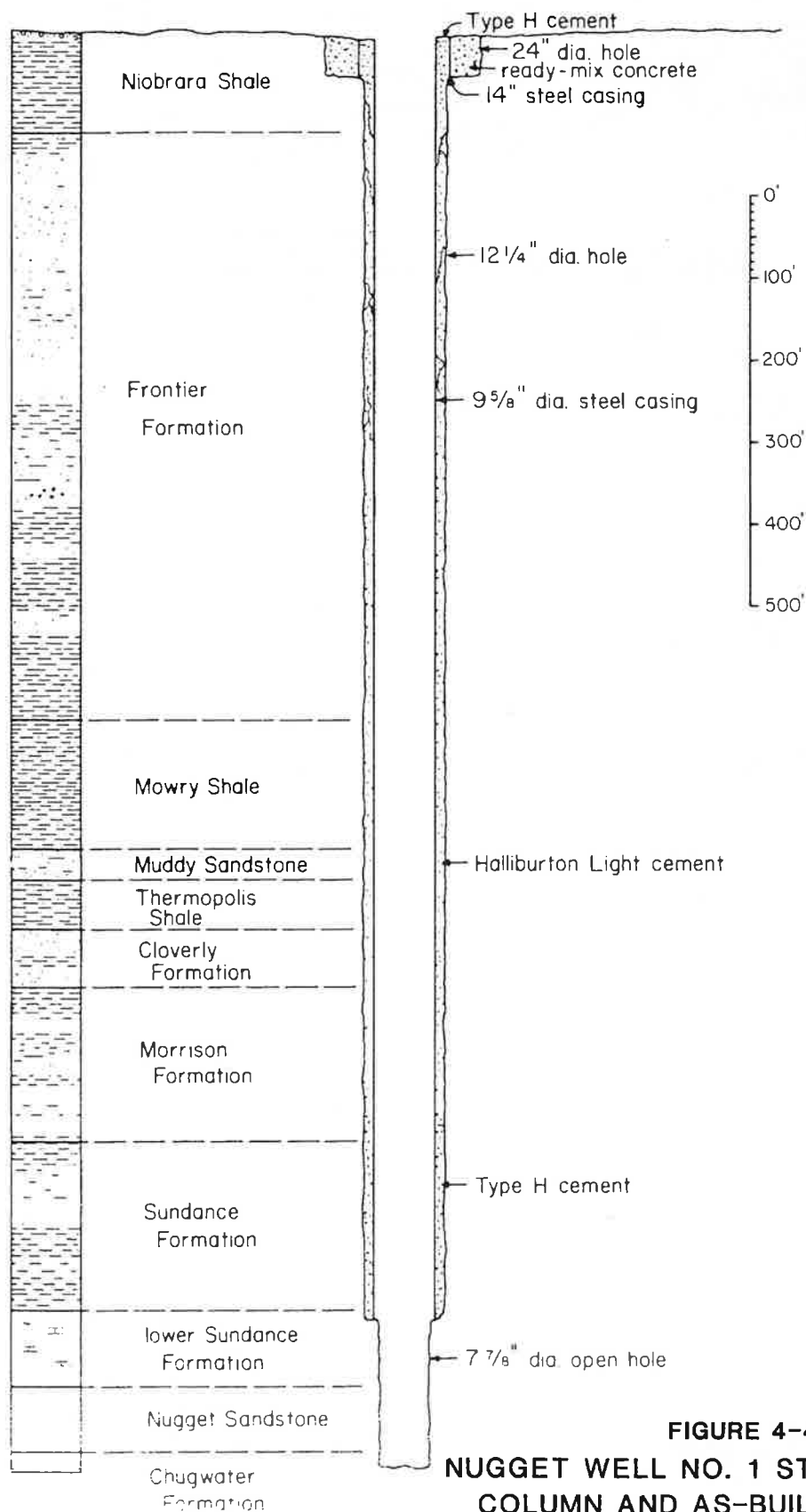
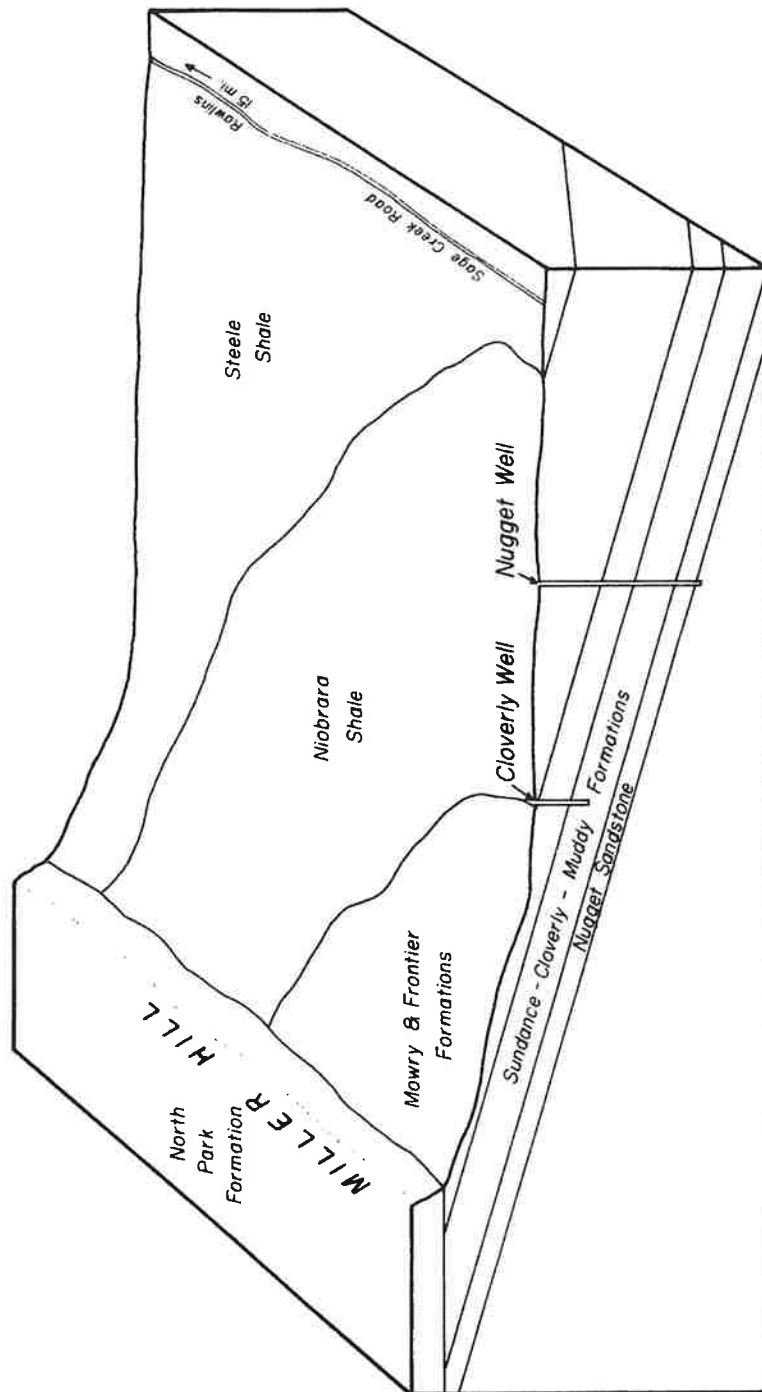
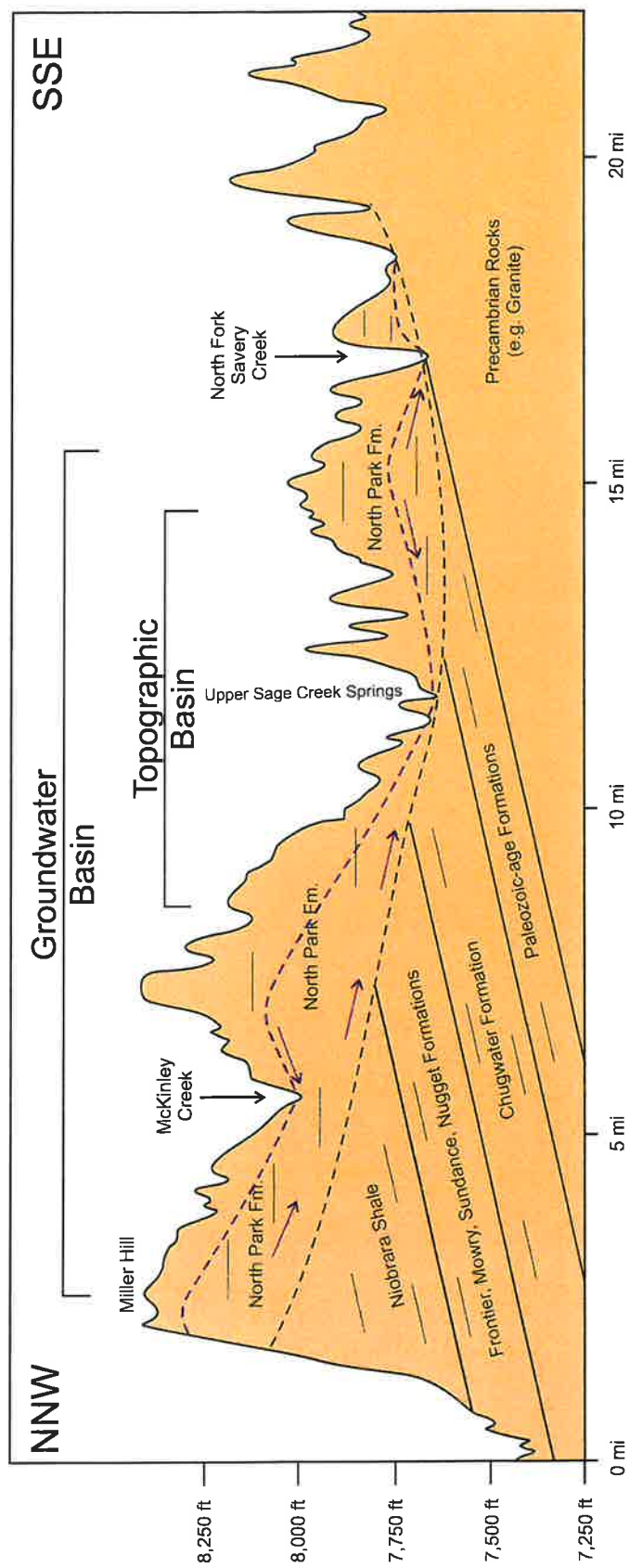


FIGURE 4-4
NUGGET WELL NO. 1 STRATIGRAPHIC
COLUMN AND AS-BUILT DIAGRAM



Schematic Diagram of Miller Hill Study Area

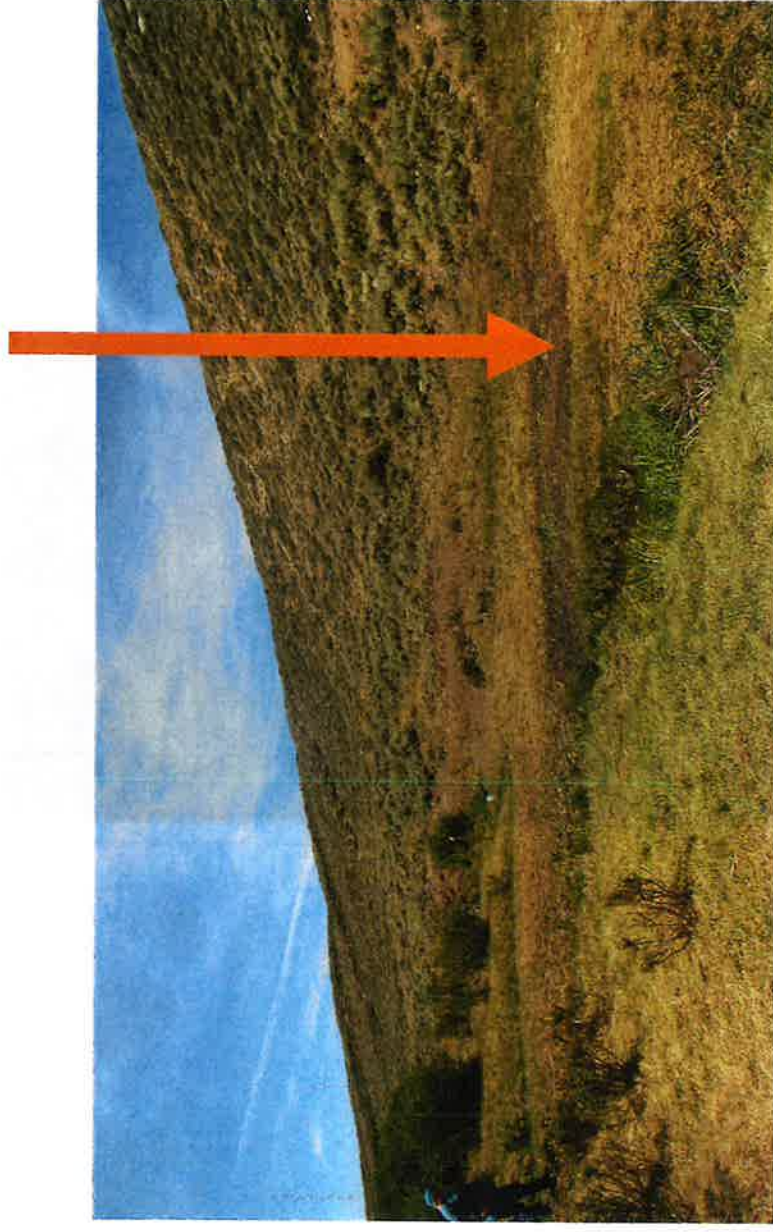


Topographic and Geologic Cross-section through Rawlins Springs in Upper Sage Creek Basin

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Creek Wood Stave
Collection.
Segment No. 200

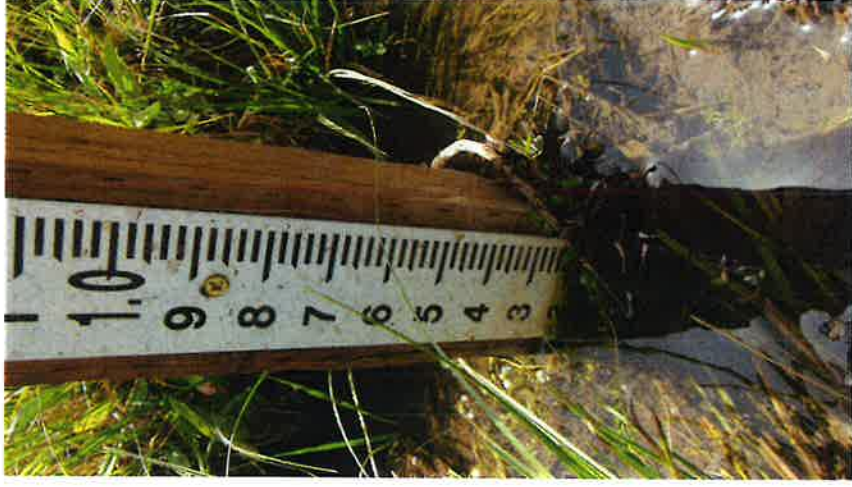


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Leak No. 2 on
Sage Creek
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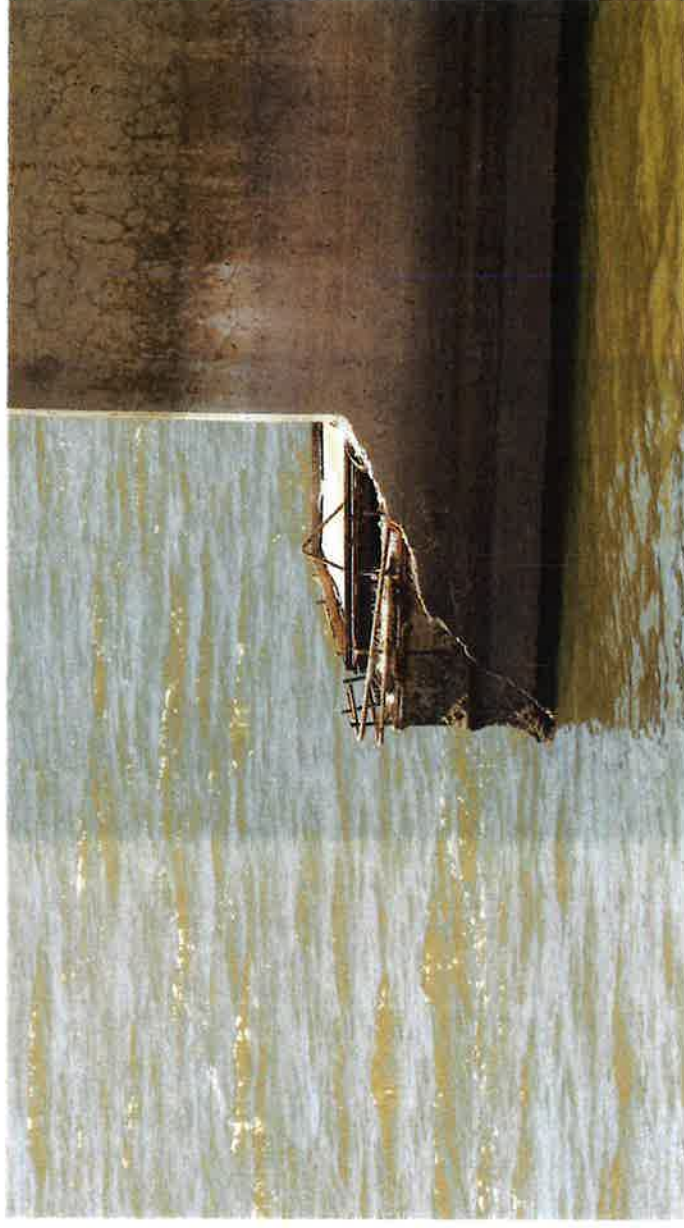


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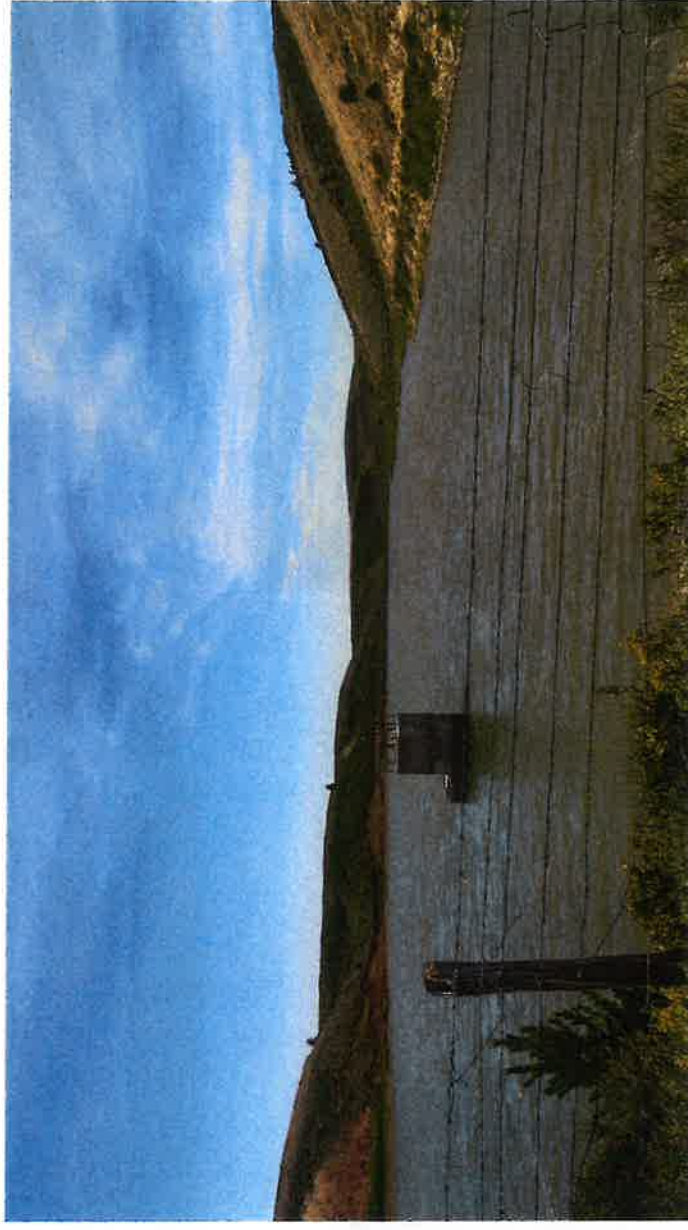
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Air Vac on
Segment 200



8/11/21
Rawlins
Reservoir view
from Dam to
West and
Damaged
Outlet Tower



8/11/21
Rawlins
Reservoir view
from Dam to
West





8/11/21
East side of Rawlins Reservoir outlet pipes.

8/11/21
Marker on East
side of Rawlins
Reservoir
Embankment.
May be Sage
Creek line to
junction.
View East



8/11/21
Marker on East
side of Rawlins
Reservoir
Embankment.
May be Sage
Creek line to
junction.
View West



8/11/21
Sage and
Beaver Creek
junction box.
View East



8/11/21
Sage and
Beaver Creek
junction box.
View West



8/11/21
Junction box
Sage Creek right
side Beaver
Creek left side.
Total Flow
1.435MGD





VIDEO

8/11/21
Leak?
Below junction
box Sage &
Beaver Creeks.
Pipe is vault
spillway.
View SW





8/11/21
Lone Tree Creek Blowoff Valve
Illegible valve number.



VIDEO



8/11/21
Lone Tree Creek Blowoff Valve

8/11/21
Unnamed
Creek Blowoff
Valve
Damaged but
not leaking
blow off valve
No. 18



8/11/21
Unnamed
Creek





8/11/21
Unnamed
Creek

8/11/21

Miller Creek Crossing
Blowoff on wellfield line.
Moving water in valve
box indicating leakage.





VIDEO

8/11/21
Miller Hill Well
No. 2
View West





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Miller Hill Well No. 2

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Miller Hill Well
No. 2

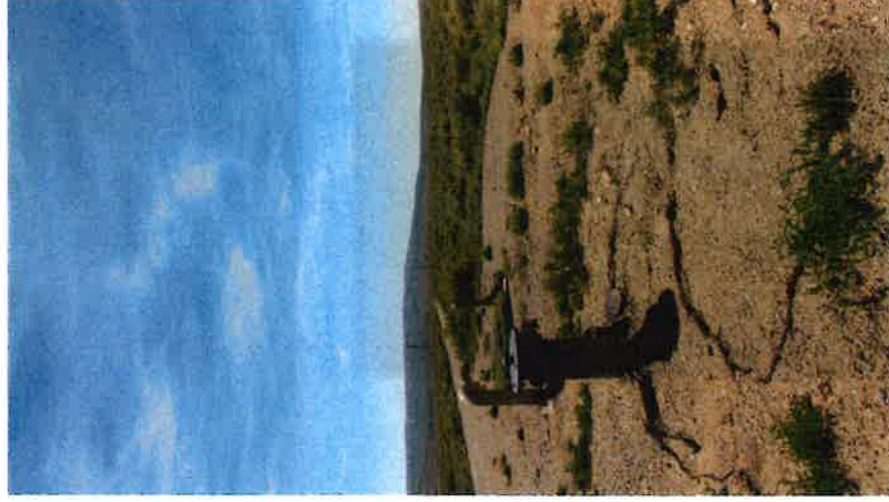
Typical floor
sump at all
wells.





Miller Hill Well No. 2

8/11/21
Miller Hill Well
No. 3
View West
Note Sinkhole



8/11/21
Miller Hill
Well No. 3





8/11/21
Miller Hill Well No. 3
Very little flow, but on.



8/11/21
Miller Hill Well No. 1
Well Head Piping



8/11/21
Miller Hill Well No. 1
Erratic movements on Water Meter



VIDEO

8/11/21
Miller Creek
Crossing on West
Side of Hwy 71
Leaking Blowoff





8/11/21
Miller Creek Crossing on West Side of Hwy 71
Leaking Blowoff



8/11/21
Miller Creek Crossing on West Side of Hwy 71
Leaking Blowoff



VIDEO



8/11/21
Miller Creek Crossing on West Side of Hwy 71
Leaking Blowoff



Little Sage Creek
leaking blowoff



Little Sage Creek
leaking blowoff

8/11/21
Broken valve box and
concrete fragments
at creek crossing



8/11/21
Broken valve box and
concrete fragments
at creek crossing





View East



View West



8/11/21
Broken valve box and concrete fragments at
creek crossing







