

November 17, 1977

MEMO

TO: Donald C. Norseth
FROM: Mark P. Page
RE: Sand & Sulphur Creek

On November 16, 1977 I was in Wayne County and I stopped at the Court-house in Loa and checked into the property ownership and tax rolls in the Fruita area.

I found a Leo R. Holt owning parts of $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T29S, R6E, SLB&M, which he patented on June 22, 1899. He paid taxes on 48 acres on September 21, 1899 and in 1900 he was taxed on 43 acres. Again on October 26, 1903 he was taxed on 40 acres.

Joseph R. Cook was taxed for 100 acres on January 5, 1904. In 1906 he sold this property to Henry Jakeman who was also taxed in later years.

M. V. Oyler owned part of the property in question in 1918. In 1918 he was taxed for 9 acres of farm land and 6 acres of orchard. In 1929 Mr. Oyler was taxed for 3 acres of farm land and 1 acre of orchard.

I believe this information will substantiate the fact that the land was being farmed prior to 1903 which will uphold the Park Service Diligence Claim (95-747).

I hope this information will assist you in your evaluation of the right in question.

Mark