

Mill Creek Subdivision

(Area 57, Book 15)
Proposed Determination

Public Meeting
June 8, 2021

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Electronic Meeting Statement

The holding of a meeting in person at an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Public meetings held by the State Engineer regarding the adjudication of water rights in the past have drawn large audiences. Current guidelines from the Governor's Office recommend limiting large gatherings and encourage working remotely whenever feasible. Therefore, the State Engineer determines that holding this meeting through electronic means without an anchor location will best serve the State of Utah's efforts to combat COVID-19 while still allowing interested members of the public to participate in proceedings.

Agenda

- Adjudication Process Review
- Proposed Determination Overview
 - Issue of Interest in the Mill Creek PD
- Hydrographic Survey Map Overview
- Accessing the Proposed Determination and Hydrographic Survey Maps
- Questions



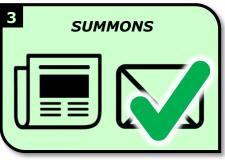
The Adjudication **Process**



Sept. 1, 1944



November 2017



November 17, 2017



November 29, 2017



December 15, 2017



May 25, 2018



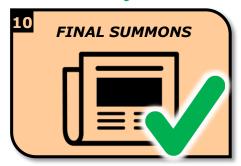
August 23, 2018



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July 29, 2019



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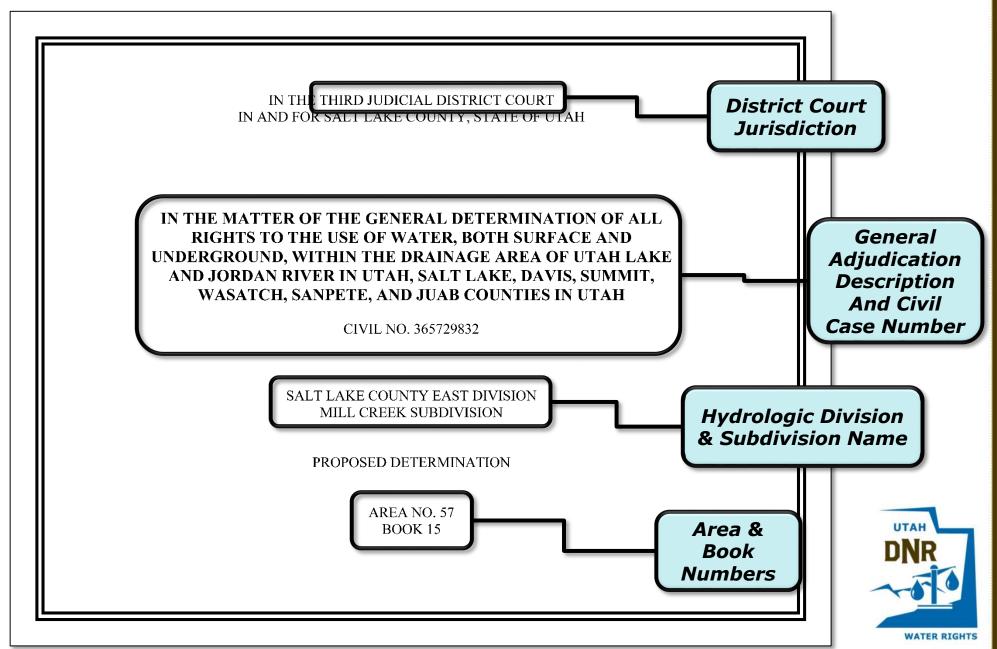
Proposed Determination

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Mill Creek Proposed Determination Title Page



Mill Creek Proposed Determination Notice to Water Users

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL OF THE WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER IN UTAH, SALT LAKE, DAVIS, SUMMIT, WASATCH, SANPETE, AND JUAB COUNTIES IN UTAH

Civil Case Number

SALT LAKE COUNTY EAST DIVISION, MILL CREEK SUBDIVISION (57-15)

Salt Lake County Civil No. 365729832 Honorable Laura S. Scott

NOTICE TO WATER USERS WITHIN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DRAINAGE AREA:

This is the Proposed Determination of Water Rights for the Salt Lake County East Division, Mill Creek Subdivision, Area No. 57, Book 15, of the Utah Lake and Jordan River General Adjudication. The Division of Water Rights has prepared the Proposed Determination as required by Utah Code § 73-4-11. The Proposed Determination is the State Engineer's report and recommendation to the Court as to how all rights to the use of the water in the Mill Creek Subdivision should be determined. A copy of the Proposed Determination has been filed with the Clerk of the Third District Court in Salt Lake City, Utah. Additional printed copies are available, upon payment of printing costs, from the Division of Water Rights at 1594 W. North Temple, Suite 220, Salt Lake City, Utah, (801) 538-7240. An electronic copy in PDF format is also available for download free of charge from the website of the Division of Water Rights at www.waterrights.utah.gov.

You are hereby notified that under Utah Code § 73-4-11(2), any person claiming a water right in the Mill Creek Subdivision who is dissatisfied with the Proposed Determination may object to it, but only in accordance with the following requirements: the objection must be in writing and filed in the Third District Court, in Salt Lake County, 450 South State Street, P.O. Box 1860, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, within ninety (90) days after being served with notice of completion of the Proposed Determination. Service of the Proposed Determination is effective on the date the notice is mailed. A claimant who wishes to object to the Proposed Determination should also serve a copy of the objection on counsel for the State Engineer at the address shown below.

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Instructions on filing an objection



Mill Creek Proposed Determination Preamble

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY. UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL OF THE WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER IN UTAH, SALT LAKE, DAVIS, SUMMIT, WASATCH, SANPETE, AND JUAB COUNTIES IN UTAH

Teresa Wilhelmsen, P.E., State Engineer of the State of Utah, respectfully submits this report and recommendation to the Court.

- 1. Geographical Area Covered. This General Adjudication, known as the Utah Lake and Jordan River General Adjudication, includes all water sources, both surface and underground, within the drainage of the Utah Lake and Jordan River in Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Summit, Wasatch, Sanpete, and Juab Counties in Utah. This Proposed Determination is limited to waterrights with points of diversion in the Mill Creek Subdivision of the Salt Lake County East Division of the Utah Lake and Jordan River General Adjudication. The Mill Creek Subdivision is the area on the map shown on page viii. The Utah Division of Water Rights has designated the Proposed Determination for this area as Area 57, Book 15.
- 2. Commencement. On September 1, 1944, the Court ordered the State Engineer to make a determination and adjudication of all rights to the use of water of Utah Lake and Jordan River and their tributaries in Utah and Salt Lake Counties. On June 21, 1972, the Court issued an order clarifying that the adjudication area includes all the rights to the use of water, both surface and underground, within the drainage area of Utah Lake and Jordan River and their tributaries in Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Summit, Wasatch, Sanpete, and Juab Counties. The Court also ordered that the title of this action be amended to read, "In the Matter of the General Determination of the Rights to the Use of

PROPOSED DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN
THE UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER GENERAL ADJUDICATION
SALT LAKE COUNTY EAST DIVISION
MILL CREEK SUBDIVISION
NO. 57, BOOK 15

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all of the Water, Both Surface and Underground, Within the Drainage Area of the Utah Lake and Jordan River in Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Summit, Wasatch, Sanpete and Juab Counties in Utah."

3. State Engineer's Activity. The State Engineer has followed the requirements of Title 73, Chapter 4 of the Utah Code. She has given the required notices, served and published summons, prepared and filed a List of Unclaimed Rights of Record with the Court, completed hydrographic surveys, and evaluated claims from water users within the area. Prior to making the recommendations in the Proposed Determination, the State Engineer has given careful consideration to the Statements of Water User's Claim filed in the Mill Creek Subdivision. To the best knowledge of the State Engineer, this Proposed Determination contains all rights to the use of water with points of diversion located within the Mill Creek Subdivision for which a claim was timely filed or for which the Court has excused the late filing.

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Proposed Determination, the State Engineer has published and served notice of the Proposed Determination on each claimant of record within the Mill Creek Subdivision as required by Utah Code § 73-4-11. The Proposed Determination is available on the Division of Water Rights website at www.waterrights.utah.gov free of charge.

4. Beneficial Use. In preparing the Proposed Determination, the State Engineer has based her recommendations on Utah water law, including the



Mill Creek Proposed Determination Preamble – Prior Decree Section

6. Prior Decree. On August 1, 1913, the Third Judicial District Court for Salt Lake County entered a decree in *Young v. Gordon et al* (the "1913 Mill Creek Decree"). The 1913 Mill Creek Decree adjudicated the water rights "to all waters of Mill Creek Canyon, and the water tributary thereto, in Salt Lake County, Utah, . . . the rights of the parties being all the users of said waters of said Mill Creek" The 1913 Mill Creek Decree identified awardees and established a class-based system to guide equitable distribution of the source. The State Engineer has evaluated each claim that can be tied to an award in the 1913 Mill Creek Decree and incorporates these awards and classes as follows:

House-Use Rights - The 1913 Mill Creek Decree awarded "House-Use Rights." The House-Use Rights recommended in this Proposed Determination are entitled to the quantity of water and beneficial uses described in the individual rights, irrespective of the priority date of subsequent Primary, Second Class, and Surplus awards, subject to the following modifications. When the natural flow of Mill Creek is insufficient to satisfy all House-Use Rights, distribution of available water is by priority date.

Primary Rights – Water rights described as Primary Rights are entitled to the quantity of water and beneficial uses described in the individual rights subject to the following modifications. When the natural flow of Mill Creek is insufficient to satisfy all Primary Rights, distribution of available water is on a pro rata basis according to their respective flow rates. Primary Rights shall only be distributed when the natural flow of Millcreek is sufficient to satisfy all House-Use Rights.

Second Class Rights – Water rights described as Second Class Rights are entitled to the quantity of water and beneficial uses described in the individual rights subject to the following modifications. When the natural flow of Mill Creek is insufficient to satisfy all Second Class Rights, distribution of available water is on a pro rata basis according to their respective flow rates. Second Class Rights shall only be distributed when the natural flow of Millcreek is sufficient to satisfy all Primary Rights.

Surplus Rights – Water rights described as Surplus Rights are entitled to the quantity of water and beneficial uses described in the individual rights subject to the following modifications. When the natural flow of Mill Creek is insufficient to satisfy all Surplus Rights, distribution of available water is on a pro rata basis according to their respective flow rates. Surplus Rights shall only be distributed when the natural flow of Millcreek is sufficient to satisfy all Second Class Rights.

The flow of Mill Creek shall be measured near the mouth of the canyon, at a point upstream from the points of diversion of rights described as 1913 Mill Creek Decree awards.



Mill Creek Proposed Determination Time-Based Interest

Background Considerations:

- 1. The 1913 Mill Creek Decree describes fractions of Mill Creek assigned to separate ditches.
- 2. These ditch awards are further subdivided into hourly awards.

Problem:

- 1. How to equitably describe "portions" of fractional or hourly awards.
- 2. How to establish flow rates that honor the intent of the 1913 Mill Creek Decree.
- 3. How to award flow rates that are realistic.



Mill Creek Proposed Determination Preamble – Time Based Interest

7. Time-Based Interest. Some rights are described with a time-based interest in the flow rate listed as the quantity of water. Where so described, the claimant is permitted to proportionately reduce the flow rate and increase the duration of authorized diversion. example, a right with a 1 cfs quantity of water and a time-based interest of 8/168 may divert 0.5 cfs for 16/168ths of time. This time-based variability can only be exercised when doing so will not interfere with senior rights.

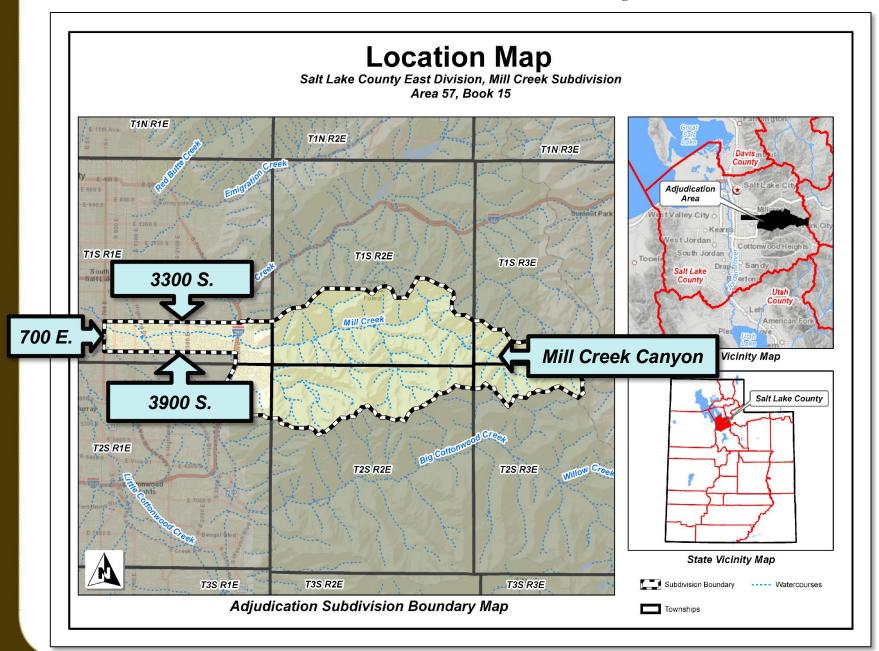


Mill Creek Proposed Determination Time-Based Interest

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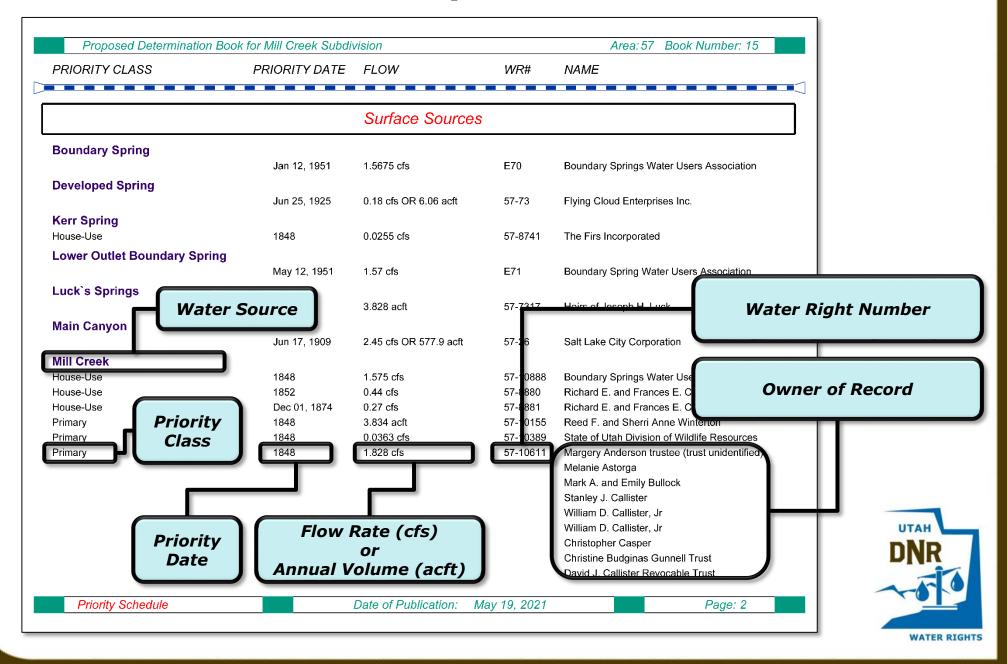
- 1. Other Comment:
 - "This water right is a Primary Right entitled to the listed flowrate on a 8/168ths time-based interest in award XX from paragraph X.X of the 1913 Mill Creek Decree."
- 2. For rights so designated, the water user has a right to the full flowrate, but for a limited time. This is the time-based interest, expressed as a fraction.
- 3. The time-based interest is flexible.
 - Supports status quo
 - Supports updated water use time tables
- 4. No need to seek State Engineer permission for this flexibility.

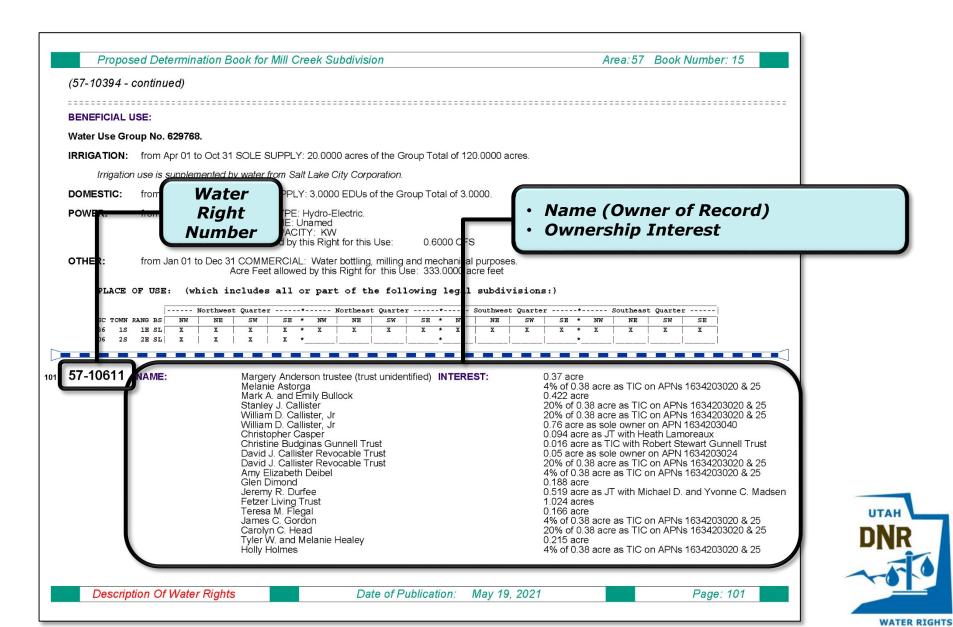
Mill Creek Proposed Determination Location Map

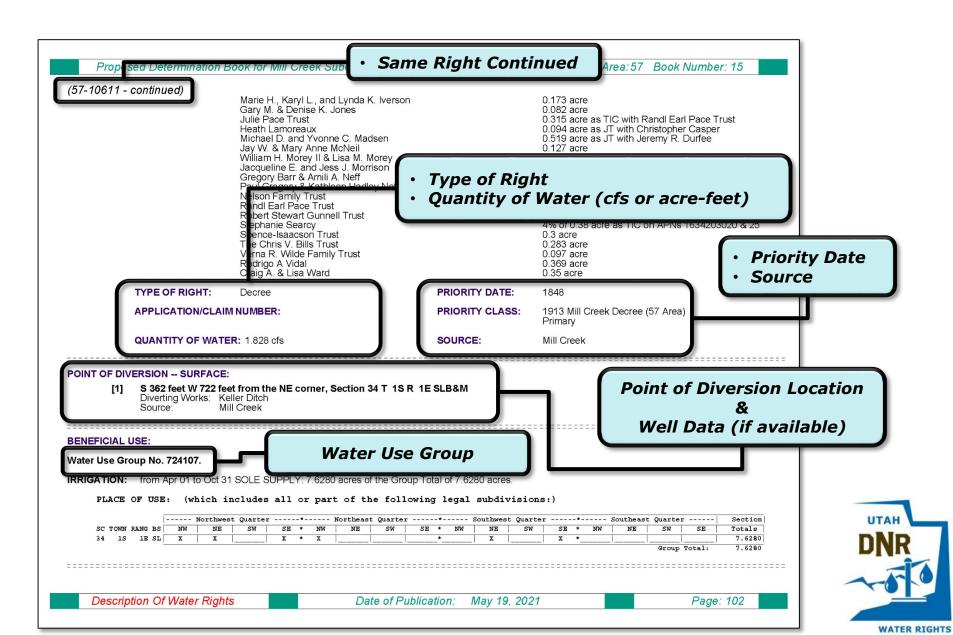


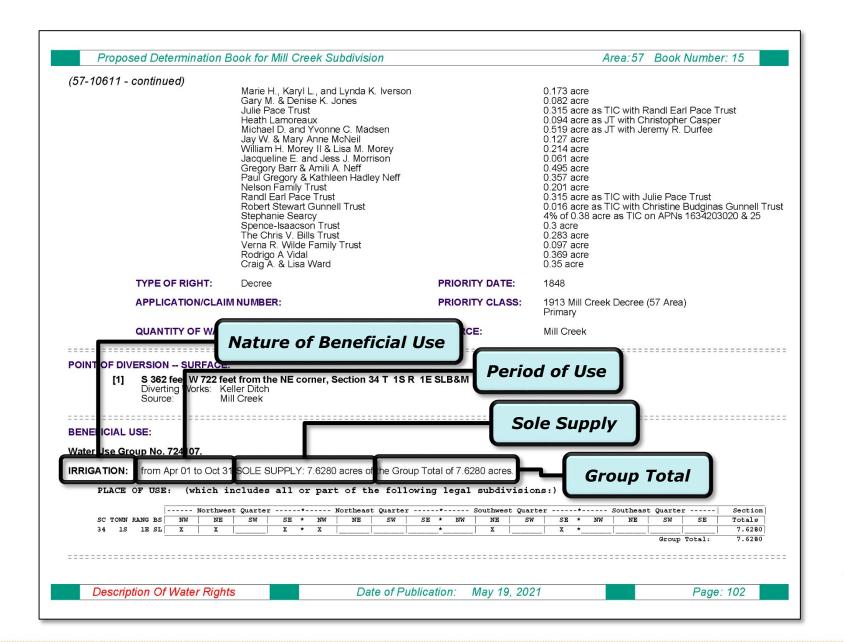


Mill Creek Proposed Determination Priority Schedule

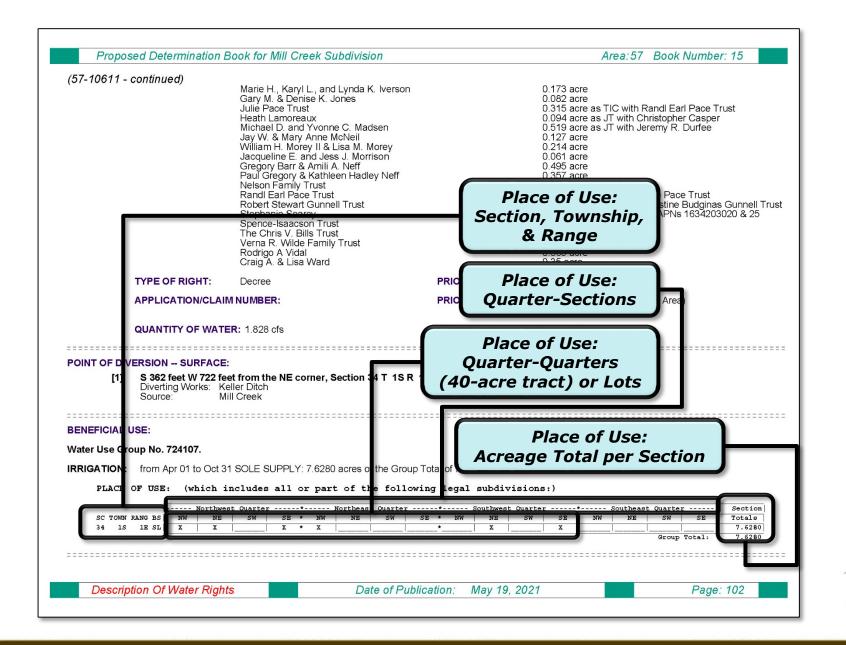




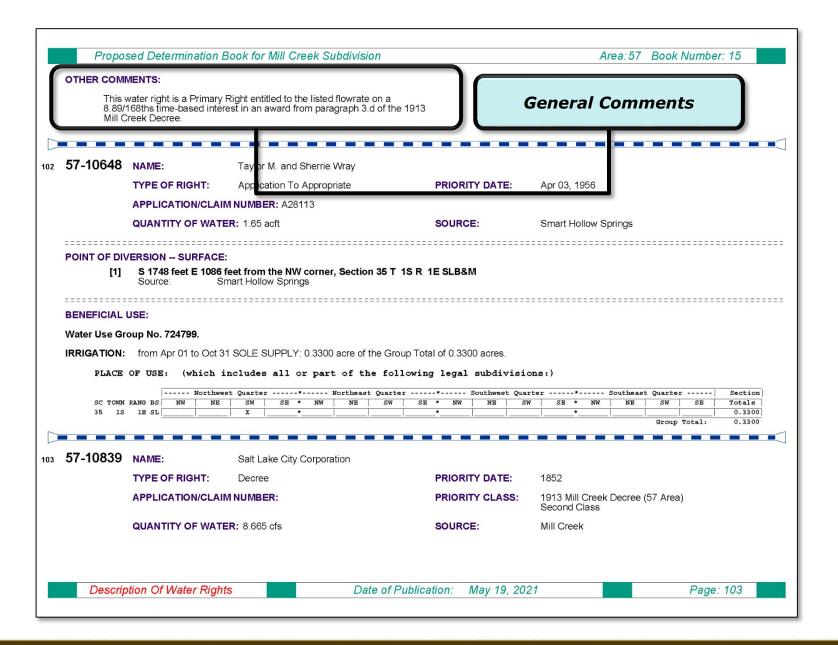






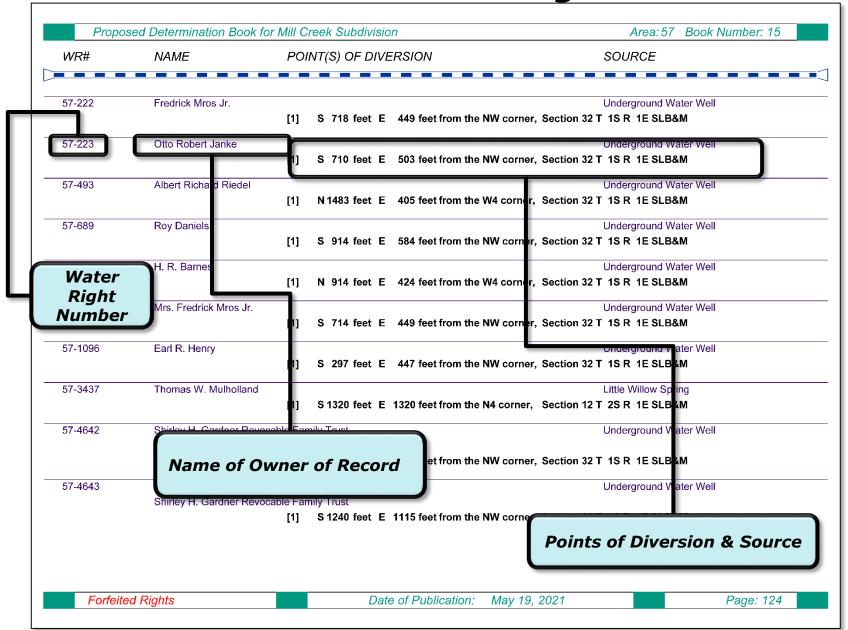






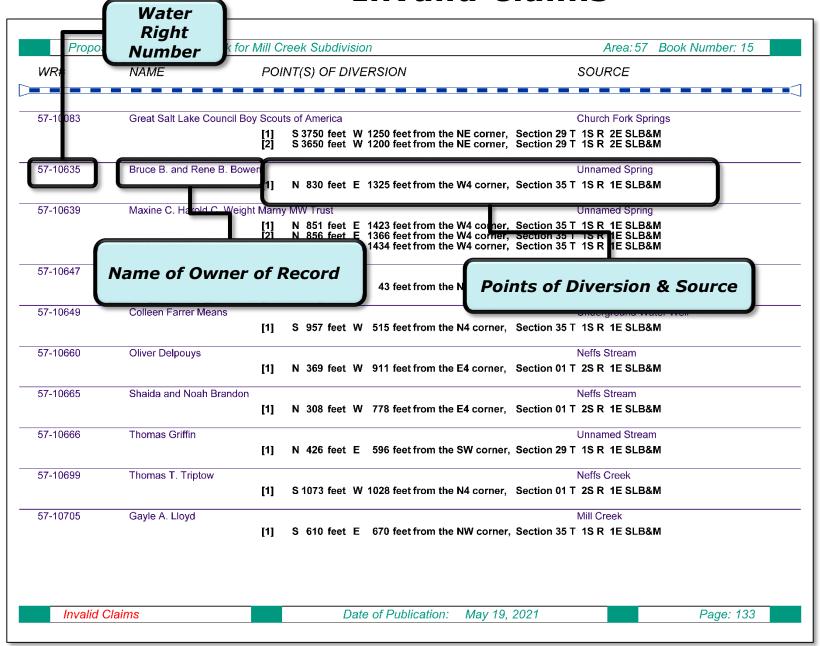


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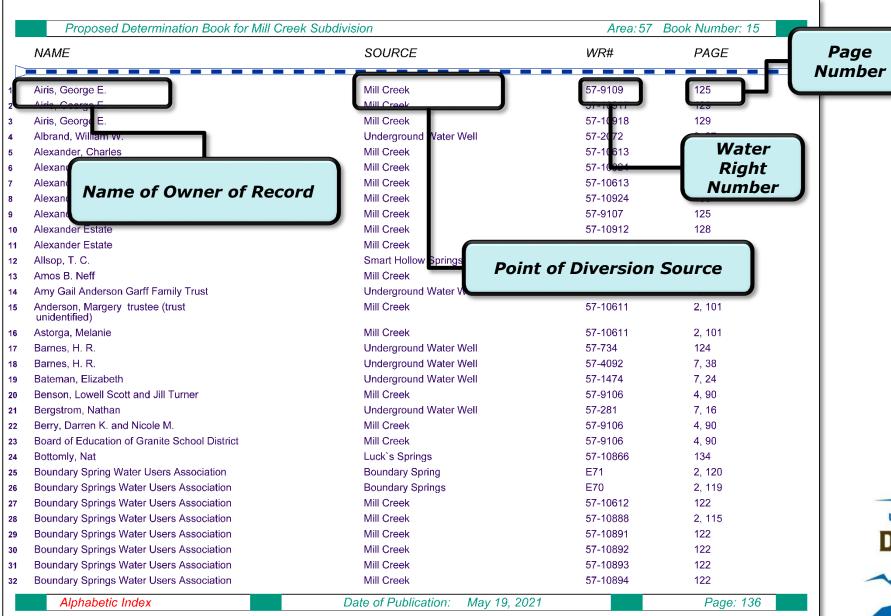


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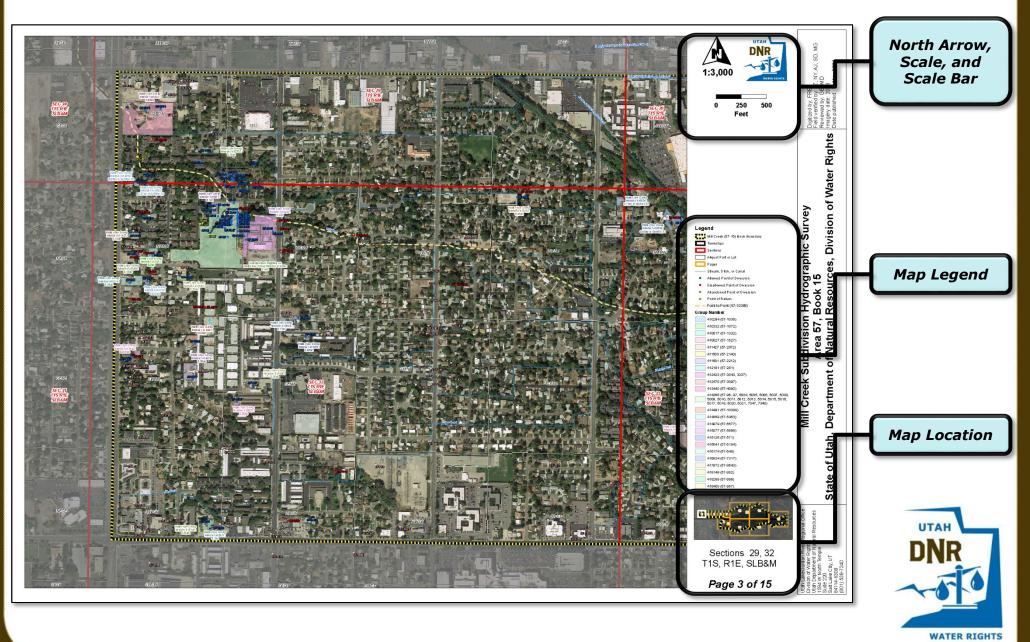


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Mill Creek Proposed Determination Hydrographic Survey Maps



Accessing the Proposed Determination

Recipients of the Notice of the Proposed Determination:

- Water right owners listed on the records of the State Engineer.
- Claimants who submitted claims in the Mill Creek adjudication.
- Registered agents for corporate entities owning water rights or having filed claims within the adjudication boundary.
- Counsel of record who have filed an appearance in the court.

The Proposed Determination can be accessed via:

- http://www.waterrights.utah.gov/pdbooks/MillCreekPD
- Hardcopies can be printed at our office for a nominal fee.
- Filed at the District Court.

The Hydrographic Survey Map can be accessed via:

- http://www.waterrights.utah.gov/pdbooks/MillCreekHS
- Hardcopies can be viewed at our office.



Who can I contact to discuss the Adjudication Process?

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Questions?

