



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 3, 1998

Dear Water Right Applicant:

Re: Water Application No. S2-29611

We have received your application for a water right and have assigned the application number indicated above. It would help us if you referred to it by number in future correspondence.

Due to a shortage of staff to meet the demand for service, new applications are being accepted and filed for future processing, but a public notice will not be sent at this time. Because we have approximately 5,000 pending applications for water rights statewide, it may be some time before we can get to your application. When we begin processing your application, we'll prepare a public notice and send it to you with publication instructions. It is very important that you notify us of any change of address or ownership of the property; or, if your plans for water use change.

We are working on the oldest applications on file as quickly as we are able. We are also looking for ways to speed up decision making. Please keep in mind that filing an application for water use does not authorize use of the water. With the many complexities of water law, including issues such as senior rights, fish habitat, and instream flows, favorable permit decisions are not always possible. I regret that a decision on your application cannot be made sooner and strongly advise against investing further in your project unless you are issued a water right permit.

I apologize that this is the best we can do currently. To better manage limited staff time, we have set the following office hours:

Telephone Calls

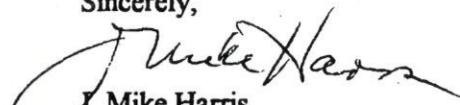
Walk-ins

Mondays and Wednesdays
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 am to 12:00 (noon)

We will respond to your questions and concerns as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,


J. Mike Harris
Water Resources Supervisor

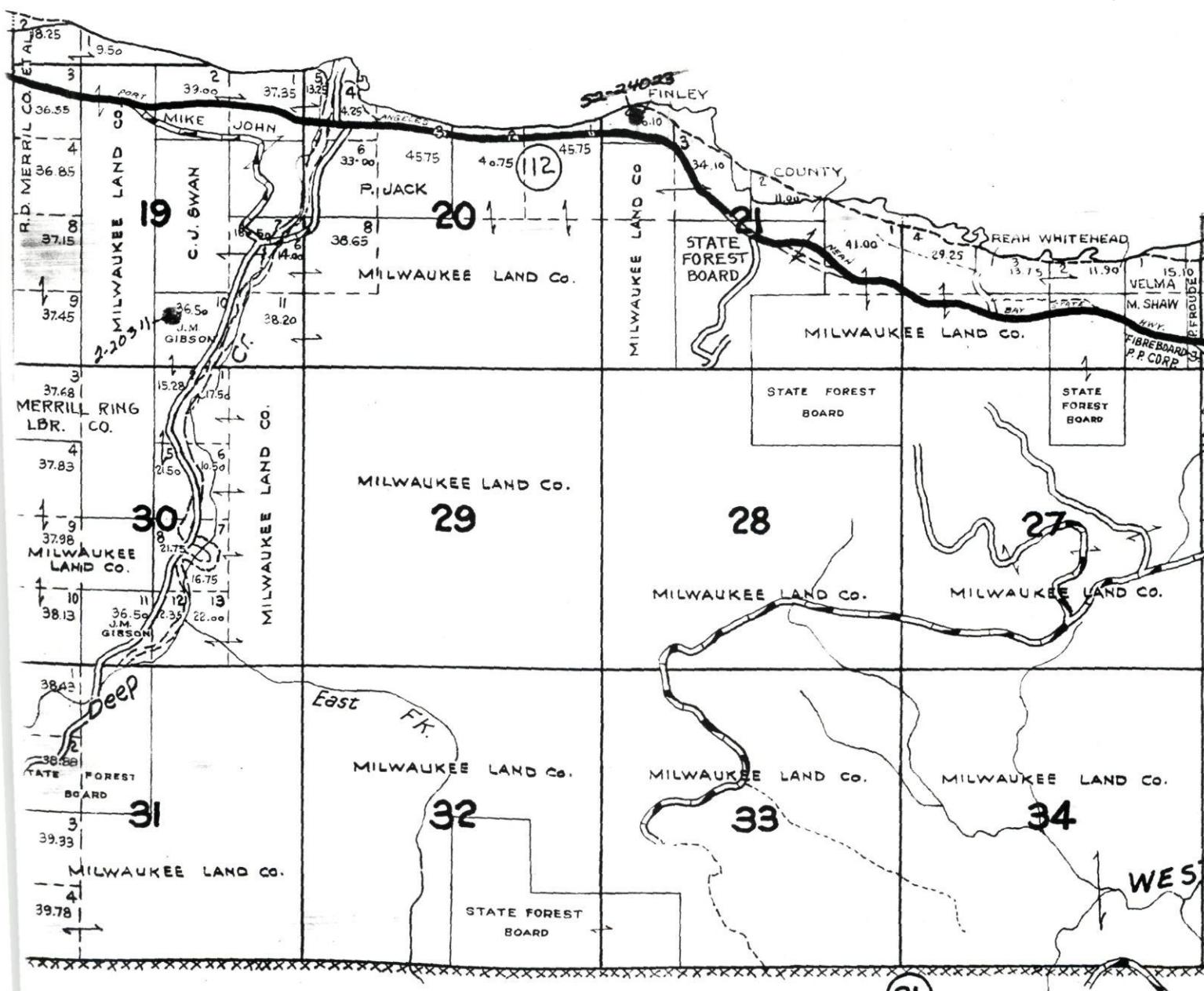
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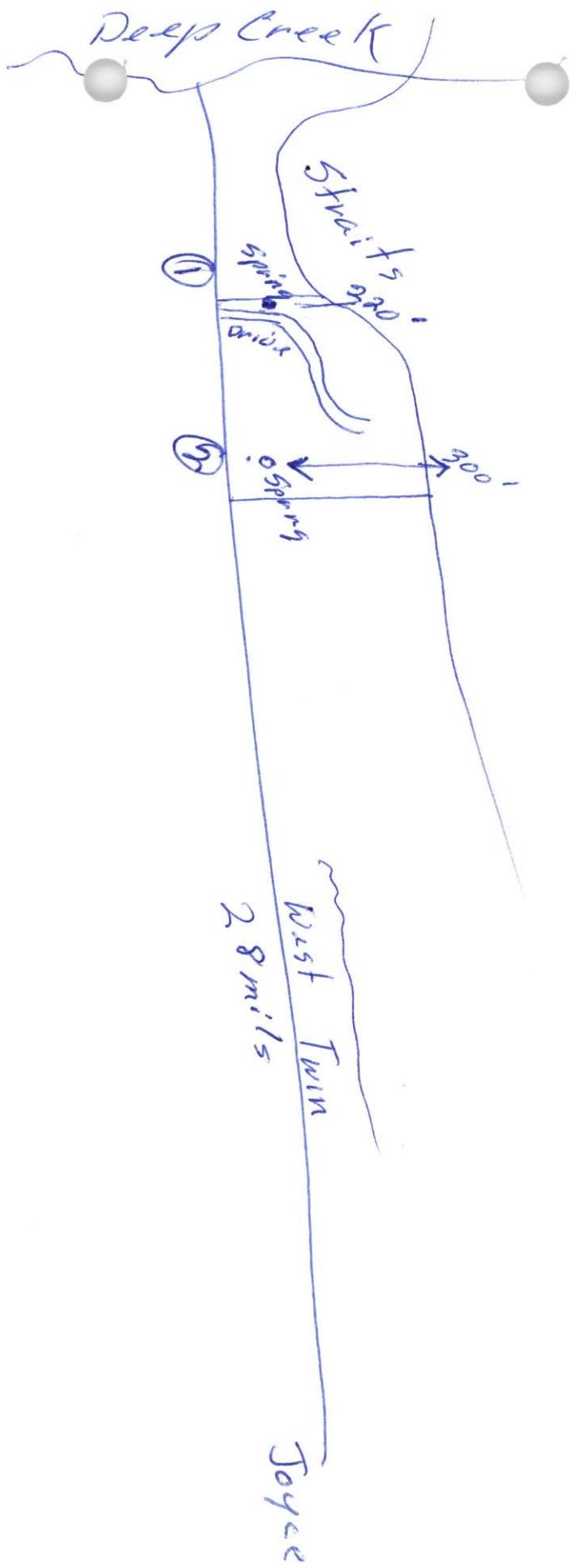


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