

which no alder are growing or could grow. Therefor I used the proportionate measure to determine Easting and moved the corner 103 feet north to the south side of a small creek, with alder trees growing along its course. Even though Mr. Watson agreed with my method initially, he has changed his mind and states that there may have been a spring in the area at one time and that he had found an alder stump. The stump he showed me was a small mound of rotten wood, which is not juniper or pine. Mr. Watson's Monumentation Sheet states he found an alder stump, he told me first that he had the wood analyzed, then told me someone from the U.S.F.S. had told him it was hardwood. Mr. Watson stated that after consulting with U.S.F.S. personnel, it was decided that it was not proper for me to have moved the corner position to place it were alder could be present and that standard proportionate measure should be used. I strongly disagree; I cannot or will not place a corner where it was impossible for it to have been. In my opinion Mr. Watson is trying to justify a corner position which is improbable. This was a difficult decision in 1983 and was not taken lightly. All the ramifications were looked at and with consultation with my client, the U.S.F.S., the decision was made as shown on Map #785. After standing in the same place I did nearly 20 years ago, and re-examining the situation, I stand by my original method for the placement of this corner.

Finally we went to the $\frac{1}{4}$ Cor. S32/S5, T.12&13S., R.31E., the corner Mr. Watson, Ken Delano and I looked at several weeks ago. Mr. Watson removed the stone he had taken as the $\frac{1}{4}$ cor. We again examined it. Again there are no marks or evidence, which would distinguish this stone as the corner.

We then sat down on the ground at this $\frac{1}{4}$ corner and discussed the situation. We agreed that a disputed survey should be avoided and that no good would come from a dispute. Mr. Watson said he would like to have some compromise. He said the subject $\frac{1}{4}$ corner may be questionable and would be willing to pull it if I would accept the rest of the evidence and procedures used by him. This and all the other corners in question ether represent the position of the original corner or they do-not. Evidence and positions should not be used or considered in this manner.

Nearly 20 years ago I made some difficult decisions while performing this project for the U.S.F.S. With their consultation and approval, I made those decisions to the best of my ability. Reviewing those decisions 20 years later, with the additional experience and hindsight, I stand by what I did then. I find it disturbing that U.S.F.S. personnel are consulting and advising Mr. Watson, to the possible detriment of there employers.


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