

1) **What land in the area is protected?** The Sierra Vista ranch is now 20 acres and she has given 80 acres to the Nature Conservancy. I understand the other portion is to the South of the road we crossed, the low part with grassy meadows. The Sierra Vista preserve goes South of the Road. I understand I can contact the Nature Conservancy and get a map of protected or preserved areas and find out more.

2) **What's the old fence along Mattie Creek?** The old fence line you saw is obsolete, probably belonged to an old cattle pen no longer around. The two posts you saw close together were a gate to another cattle area, not longer there, and probably put in illegally a long time ago.

3) **What water rights does the neighbor have?** The next door neighbor has zero water rights to the wells and surface water. They tried to claim years ago some of the water was theirs, and it was adjudicated against them. That's the reason the 100 page or so hydrology report was prepared, to eliminate their chance of ever getting this water. The husband, who pushed the action is deceased. They were forced to dig their own well.

4) **What's the large concrete structure by the upper well?** The upper well has been flowing continuously, about the same as in the report, about 6,000 gallons a day. The large concrete tank is a cistern, now empty. Last year, it was so hot with multiple days over 118 degrees, it's believed steam or something inside the tank caused pressure and the hoses blew off.. The cistern itself is not harmed and is being bypassed until they can reconnect everything. The small opening to the South, with bees going in was an old spring. The well, in an adit, just North of that, hidden by some trees closer to the cistern, which is bypassed right now.

5) **Is water pressure boosted to the home?** Yes, there is a repressure pump that serves the property. When the upper well cistern is hooked up, the pressure is so great, they have to have a reducer in the line or the pressure could damage the plumbing.

6) **What Trail access is nearby?** Lots, hundreds of miles of trails can be access from the property for horses. The Tonto National Forest office in Cave Creek, up by the Bartlett lake turnoff, has trail maps you can get that display all the trail connections you can make.

7) **Where on the drive is the neighbor's property line?** The property line for the neighbor's house is not right in front of the upper gate,, but about 20 feet further up the road by the rock wall. The rock wall had encroached on the Chattman property and they gave them the 5 feet or so in question.

8) **Can the neighbor's access by the house be changed?** Yes. The easement granted to the Trimbles can be changed.

9) **Are mining tunnels left?** Yes, there are multiple tunnels. The most interesting one is just off the mining road near the top of Continental. It is not on the property. The Golden Reef is actually a "glory hole" at the very top. All are relatively safe. Most are solid rock.

10) **Does the bunkhouse have its own septic tank?** Yes. It has its own septic tank.

11) **Who maintains the road?** The two property owners do..

12) **Does the property include Mattie Creek?** Answer: No Mattie Creek is in Section 2 until it crosses the road in the flat grassy area between us and the Sierra Vista Ranch. . When we purchased the acre + from the State Land Dept, Mattie Creek is the boundary line.

13) **Who else can go through this property?** Answer: No one has an easement through our property except the next door neighbor. . We were surprised that the developers of Gold Mountain never asked for an Emergency Easement in order to satisfy the County's demand for egress.

14) **Where does Cane Springs come from?** Cane Spring ORIGINATES on our property. It is what flows from the upper well.

15) **How does the surface acre feet allotment work?** When the owners bought the property in 1986, Water Resources (which was part of the State Land Dept at that time) had advised the previous owner to register both Surface and Well rights at each site. The Grandfather Irrigation Rights are attached to the Surface rights. It was one's ability to divert the acre feet for agriculture, stock, etc. When the Special Master deemed both adits as "Wells", the Grandfathered Irrigation Rights mainly guaranteed a private usage for agriculture, ie orchards, grapevines, or stock. The Rights have a map attached to them which is the area around the existing home, all within the 8 acres that holds all the improvements in the Homestake Claim. As wells we can do whatever we want with the water, except waste it!