

Lefthand Canyon West Preliminary Field Notes

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The historically adapted Lefthand Canyon West canal originates within the Spear Ranch area Lefthand Canyon stream drainage on **Arizona State lands** starting near **N 32.81979 W 109.91820** and routes to **N 32.82610 W 109.91800** or possibly further North. It is a secondary canal whose known reach is only one kilometer long and whose elevations range from 3360 feet down to 3280 feet.



The canal is the usual low energy design about 70 cm wide and appears to lack any hanging or deeply cut portions. It seems to have been historically used but remains largely unmodified, apparently serving an approximately one acre rectangular field area rather conspicuously obvious on **Acme Mapper**. Extension beyond the modern field area remains unknown. Possibly the historic area covers over the prehistoric end use fields.

The exact takein point remains unknown, but is possibly closely related to other short end use field canals in the Lefthand Area. There also appears to be a companion Lamb Tank Canal several hundred meters to the West at **N 32.80832 W 109.92218** to **N 32.82058 W 109.92338** which remains largely unexplored. It seems possible that Lamb Tank itself is a historic redevelopment of a prehistoric original.

This area appears to be the most intensely developed, owing to its numerous canals in a rather compact area combined with obvious and extant end use fields. Access is presently restricted by gates and postings.

Some observed features of the Lefthand West Canal include...

- N 32.82128 W 109.91857** Original access point.
- N 32.82610 W 109.91800** Apparent rectangular historically developed field.
- N 32.81979 W 109.91820** Possible but unverified takein area.
- N 32.83166 W 109.91690** Posted gate.

Further Lefthand West work might include...

- 1** — Extend explored areas to and North beyond rectangular field.
- 2** — Extend explored areas South to potential takein ares.
- 3** — Determine relationships with **well recorded** end use fields.
- 4** — Droning, videotaping, and more photos of the known explored portion.
- 5** — Attempt contact of Spear Ranch clan historian. Determine field use.
- 6** — Accurate mapping to show relationships of the many area canyons.
- 7** — Explore possibly related Lamb Tank canal.
- 8** — Consider an area field school.



LEFT1 – Portions of the Lefthand West canal appear to be somewhat indistinct, but others are readily traced. This view is to the South near the 4WD crossing at **N 32.82114 W 109.91848**.