

FRYE MESA AREA FIELD NOTES

Map:

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USGS Topo Name: Thatcher, AZ 7.5'
Study Length: 8 kilometers depending on ultimate verified source
System Slope: Presently indeterminate
Nominal Size: Braided channels open to interpretation
Land Ownership: Coronado National Forest and Arizona State Lands
Access: Difficult: Mostly foot only or small recreational vehicle.
Hanging features: Possibly significant.
Field Verified: 0 percent
Study Confidence: Extremely speculative and still highly unproven.

Locations of interest:

N 32 45.316' W 109 50.104' Beginnings of braided stream channels
N 32 45.336' W 109 50.026' Channels showing possible CCC spreaders
N 32 45.464' W 109 49.725' Well defined possible CCC spreader area
N 32 45.601' W 109 48.858' Apparent distinctly braided channel area
N 32 45.605' W 109 48.686' Potential distribution pond region
N 32 45.535' W 109 48.820' Possible counterflow canal delivering UPCANYON
N 32 45.467' W 109 48.908' Possible manmade water deliver channel
N 32 45.465' W 109 48.836' Low slope area suggesting possible use fields
N 32 45.587' W 109 48.473' Possible Robinson canal delivery channel
N 32 46.004' W 109 47.919' Western limit of previous Robinson canal study

Significant Features: Highly enigmatic undated braided water channels
Possible collection pond.
Heavy CCC rework or involvement.
One apparent canal goes REVERSE upcanyon.
Second canal goes NORMAL downcanyon.
Robinson source still undetermined.
Not yet field verified.

Images: None at present

Present work that needs done on the Frye Mesa constructs...

- Begin extensive field studies.
- Verify which image features are or are not canals.
- Determine ages of component features.
- Attempt to map feasible canal source route.
- Define Robinson Canal water source.
- Explain the reverse flow upcanyon channel.
- Resolve Riggs Complex involvement.