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Crook, Settlement,
Power, C. S., 190.

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Supervisor:

I understand that the applicant in this case has squatter's rights, since he settled on the unsurveyed land before its inclusion in the Galiuro Division of the Crook. Ranger Kirby states that he is holding out for the control of all the springs in the rocky canyon above his cultivated land and that, upon the refusal of Kirby to include all of the living water in his survey, the applicant stated that he did not care to have the land listed under the Act of June 11, and Kirby, in consequence, did not complete the survey. You instructed Kirby to make the survey, making the division which he contemplated of the water, in order to leave a certain amount of living water outside of the claim. This is the proper course, since the report can then be sent to the District Forester and the area recommended, and offered to Power. In case he refuses and stands on his squatter's rights and awaits survey, it is very probable that he can secure title to 160 acres if he desires it, including, unfortunately, the springs which he wants. Power is, I believe, the only squatter or Forest Homestead applicant in Rattlesnake Canyon at present. Since this canyon contains running water the year round; forest cover is needed in the canyon bottoms for protective purposes, and there are several good dam sites in the canyon, I believe that no further lands should be listed in this canyon.

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