



C.C. Cragin Pump Station



C. C. Cragin Surge Tank—absorbs variable pressure in the pipeline on its descent from the Reservoir.

C C Cragin Reservoir is more than just a beautiful mountain lake. It is a special recreational opportunity for fishing, camping, hiking, sightseeing, wildlife watching and mountain biking. In addition, the lake is an important water supply for Payson and northern Gila County and for the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Please respect the rare beauty and importance of this beautiful alpine lake and the surrounding forest. Follow all US Forest Service guidelines to ensure a safe and memorable visit.



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❖❖ The Water Source for Payson's Future



Project Description

The Town of Payson has approved a partnership with the Salt River Project for the use of water in Payson from the C.C. Cragin (formerly Blue Ridge) Reservoir. The Town plans to construct a 14.5 mile pipeline along East Houston Mesa Road from Washington Park to Payson.

A water treatment facility will be constructed at a location in or near Payson.



Communities adjacent to this pipeline may wish to connect to the pipeline for use of C.C. Cragin Water.

Additionally, communities near Payson may wish to partner with the Town of Payson for the delivery of treated water from a Town of Payson water treatment plan.

Purpose and Need

The Town of Payson currently relies solely on groundwater as its source of drinking water. In keeping with the town's policy of maintaining a long-term sustainable



Groundwater being pumped from a TOP Well

water supply, the addition of a surface water source is an important component towards meeting that objective. Though existing groundwater resources are sufficient for the foreseeable future, a new surface water source from C.C. Cragin will insure that adequate water supplies are available to our customers.

What is the Cost?

The anticipated costs associated with this new vital resource are estimated at approximately \$30M—\$40M. These costs represent a rough estimate for the construction of a pipeline, treatment facilities and rehabilitation of existing C.C. Cragin pumping facilities. Additional costs may be incurred.

When Will the Water be Delivered?

Completion of the project is planned between the year of 2015 and 2020. Within this time frame, a renewable surface water supply will become an integral and essential part of Payson's water resources portfolio.



C.C. Cragin Reservoir, Winter 2008

In the meantime efforts are underway to acquire federal (NEPA) permits for the construction of the project. This will include environmental, archaeological, and engineering related studies. As part of this process, the Town of Payson will be holding public meetings and will invite your participation.

Please visit the Town of Payson's Water Department website, www.paysonwater.com, where updates and public meeting schedules will be posted.