

Equus beds water use

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The city of Wichita provided a description of tree rings as a record of droughts. Their conclusions were based on information provided by a Colorado "expert". In 1854 Kansas Territory was opened for settlement. Until that time this area was a vast prairie land, practically treeless. There is a marked difference between the tree covered mountains of Colorado and this prairie land, and a wide distance separation as well. Nor do I believe you would find much tree ring information here for long term droughts from the 1850's to now. Wichita currently sells water to 14 entities: 10 adjacent cities, 3 rural water districts, and the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority. There is nothing to say they will not continue to increase customer base. Eldorado is less than 30 miles NE of Wichita. Their source of water is Eldorado Lake, roughly the same size as Cheney Lake. And it is a grassland lake so does not have the silt problem of Cheney. Their water is also for sale and they would like to sell to Wichita. When you add profit to the equation it becomes a bit more dicey. Is it need, or greed?

But we who live here directly above the equus waters still have the need.

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