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Subject: Re: Salado Spring conduits

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Josh, this is entirely anecdotal. This is a story that was told to me by a Stagecoach Hotel manager many years ago. I would put it in the package as "anecdotal reports". However, I can attest to there being a large conduit that rapidly conveys groundwater from the area under the hotel to Big Boiling Spring

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Hi Barbara,

In the proposed listing package we are developing for the Austin blind, Salado, Jollyville Plateau, and Georgetown salamanders, we want to bring up the fact that the conduits that feed Big Boiling Spring are large enough for salamanders to travel. During our meeting in Austin earlier this month, you talked about how people could put a tennis ball (or similar sized objects) into a well and have it pop out of the spring. Is it okay to cite you as a pers. comm. for this bit of information, or do you have some other type of documentation you can point me towards?

Thanks for your help with this!
Josh

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