

Robinette Placers

Gold

PRINCIPAL ORE

MINOR MINERALS

NAME

OLD NAMES

9 S.

46 E.

25 & 35

T

R

S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker

COUNTY

Connor Creek

AREA

ELEVATION

ROAD OR HIGHWAY

DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S)

George C. Maps

Address

OPERATOR

Name of claims

Area

Pat.

Unpat.

Name of claims

Area

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Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

RECORDS AND VARIOUS RECORDS

DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS of file in

Baker

Name: Robinette Placers

Location: At the mouth of the Powder River on the Snake, for half a mile below and ~~about~~ 2 miles above the Powder mouth. In Sections 25, and 35, T 9S, R 46 E.W.M., with land leased in Idaho in section 15, T 16 N, R 6 W. Elevations from river level up to about 100 feet.

Owners: Mr. George C. Mapes, owner of lots 1,2,3,4,5, of section 35, comprising the land in Oregon in the east half of the section. Land leased from Campbell, in Idaho section 15. Land leased in section 25.

Area: Actual area not given. On map about 5 forties in Section 35, etc.

History: The high bar just south of the mouth of the Powder River has been worked on a small scale for many years, and it is said that in the early days over \$300,000 was taken from it after the ditch had been built and the ground sluiced. At the present time there are several men making wages with small rockers, shovelling in, so that the ground left must run nearly a dollar a yard.

Equipment: Three small cabins.

Geology: Bedrock mostly serpentine, of several varieties which might be called greenstone, etc. Boulders of all kinds, mostly fairly well rounded, usually less than 1 foot diameter. Only one boulder on the high bar was seen above 2 feet in diameter. Gravels contain a large amount of fines, usually a coarse dark grey sand and grit. Said to pan out about 12 to 15 pounds of black sand to each cubic yard. This black sand carries the gold which is very fine, and much coated with oxide, some of it being so black that it is hard to see. Values run from 8 to 25 cents per yard, with occasional streaks or pockets up to 55 cents. Gravels tested by 5 pits to depths of 9, 12, 18 and 22 feet, bedrock not being reached at any place. Bedrock is rough and irregular however, as it sticks up through the gravel in several places. Upper bars above the old ditch line not worked at all. May be very rich.

Miscellaneous: Weather mild throughout year. Can work at all times. Railroad and highway passes through property. River wide, with shallow bars and islands at this point.

Yardage available: Said to be 8 million yards. Gravel 20 feet deep and 800 feet wide for two miles would give about 10 million yards. May possibly be this much, although by no means assured.

Plans for future: Either a large drag line (5 cu yd bucket) dredge or \$300,000 bucket dredge planned, if testing holds out. Drill rig coming in in March for testing program, to ascertain values and yardage. Slack line across river to get values in river bottom. After lower bars are dredged, upper old bars will be hydraulicked, water pumped from dredge.

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