

# State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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## RYNEARSON RANCH PLACER

Baker County  
Connor Creek District

**Location:** On the old Rynearson Ranch at the mouth of Connor Creek in Sec 14,  
T 12 S, R 45 E.

**Owner:** Ray Rynearson, Huntington, Oregon

**Lessees:** Jack Fisher and Victor Griffith.

**General:** This small plot of ground is said to have never been worked by the early day miners who exploited the rich gravels farther up Connor Creek. Reportedly Mr. Baker, father in law of Mr. Rynearson, forbade any mining on his land. Thus during Idaho Power Company's negotiations to purchase private lands which would be flooded by the backwaters of Brownlee dam, the Rynearson ranch was considered to be mineral bearing and was drilled, to determine its value. Jack Fisher was associated with the drilling program.

In 1957 Fisher and Victor Griffith obtained a lease from Rynearson and during the summer months attempted to work the ground. Equipment used included a D-7 caterpillar and dozer, a 3/4 yard shovel and a "Doodlebug" washing plant of possibly 400 yards per day capacity. Very little ground had been worked when operations ceased in early October, 1957. The operators indicated that they could not handle the large boulders encountered with the equipment at hand and that the gravels were not rich enough nor the area large enough to permit installation of heavier equipment.

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**Report By:** Howard C. Brooks October 15, 1957

RYNEARSON RANCH PLACER

NAME

OLD NAMES

PRINCIPAL ORE

MINOR MINERALS

12 S

45 E

14

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R

S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker

COUNTY

Comer Creek

AREA

ELEVATION

ROAD OR HIGHWAY

DISTANCE TO  
SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) .. Ray Rynearson .....

Address .... Huntington, Oregon .....

OPERATOR ... Jack Fisher and Victor Griffith .....

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Name of claims                      Area    Pat.    Unpat.

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

REPORTS

Howard C. Brooks

October 15, 1957

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SHIPMENT AND ASSAY RECORDS

MAPS