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EUREKA CONSOLÌDATED PLACER

STATE WALL WALLS.

Location: On Cracker Creek adjoining the town of Bourne on the south in sec 32, T 85, R 37 E.

Area: One patented claim (Eureka Consolidated) containing 49.68 acres.

Owner: Cracker Creek Gold Mining Co., a Delaware Corporation, Harold Banta, Baker, attorney.

Lessees: F. R. Ramsey, F. A. Ramsey, A. M. Rowe, L. E. Wertz. The Ramseys and Rowe are contract loggers who ordinarily operate in the Roseburg area.

General: The lessees have been sporadically prospecting and test working small plots of ground in the area for several years. In 1955 the Ramseys and Bertha Bradley located a claim of about 60 acres adjoining the patented ground on the south. In the fall of 1958 the Eureka Consolidated claim was leased and hydraulic-sluice equipment was installed. About 400 linear feet of the present creek channel has been worked. However, bedrock has not yet been reached due to the gentle grade of the creek.

Equipment consists of a three inch hydraulic nozzle and several hundred feet of pipe, a T-D30 International cat and dozer and a rake slusher which is used to drag large boulders from the head of the sluiceway after they have been cleaned. As yet no boulders greater than about 30 inches in diameter have been encountered. Cleanups have been poor. Until bedrock is reached or closely approached little gold recovery is anticipated.

Placer gold production from this part of Cracker Creek has been small in spite of the fact that it drains much of the area enclosing the North Pole-Columbia Lode which produced about \$9,000,000 to 1916.

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August 27, 1959

Report by:

Howard C. Brooks, October 2, 1959

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