

Owner and Operator:

Ross D. Taylor, 1657 Oak Street, Eugene, Oregon; Charles R. Greer, Whitney, Oregon

Location:

The Jay Gould group is situated on Gimlet Creek about four and one half miles from the town of Whitney, and about one half mile east of the old Placer Mining Camp on Gimlet Creek. The group lies in section 9, R 36 E, T 10 S WM.

Area:

The Jay Gould group consists of five unpatented claims, the Jay Gould 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

History:

The Jay Gould group of claims were first located by Mortimer Beckwith about 1900. Mr. Beckwith did the necessary assessment work and about 1902 sold the claims to Thomas Boys, who in turn sold the claims to Bradley of the Spokane Mining Company for \$35000. The assessment work for the Spokane Mining Company was done by John Ray for a time, but the Spokane Mining Company neglected to pay him for his work. He allowed the assessment work to become delinquent and located the claims in his own name. Mr. Ray failed to find enough ore to justify holding the claims and ceased work. The claims reverted to the government. In 1911 Mortimer Beckwith, the original locator, and Charles Greer relocated the claims. At present Ross D. Taylor, son-in-law of Mortimer Beckwith, and Charles Greer hold the claims.

Equipment:

One - 14 cu. ft. mine car, 800 feet 12 lb. track, hand steel, small blacksmith shop and one good cabin.

Development:

There is 1250 feet of development work on two levels. The lower or main level has 930 feet of development work open. The main cross-cut is being driven due west.

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The upper level, which is now abandoned has 325 feet of development work. It is about 1/4 of a mile northwest and 200' above the lower level.

General Description:

The claims lie at an elevation of 4500 feet. The mountains are rolling and well timbered. Enough timber and water are present for mining purposes.

Geology:

schistose

The predominant country rock is a black argillite but a few narrow bands of schist are found in the cross-cuts. The strikes of the quartz stringers vary, but the strongest structure appears to be north and slightly west. Both country rock and vein are badly broken.

In the lower or main tunnel, the quartz vein varies in width from 4" to 20", strikes N. 30° E. and dips 70° E. Numerous narrow quartz stringers penetrate the wall of the drift at so many angles that it is impossible to pick a general direction. A second quartz vein averages 20" in width and varies in strike from N. 10° W to N. 65° W. Its strike is nearly vertical.

The main cross-cut is being driven due west and is in gouge. Considerable water is present, section is well timbered and there is a breast board covering the face of the tunnel to prevent the face sloughing into the cross-cut.

In the upper tunnel one quartz vein is exposed which strikes N 30° W. and dips 70° E. This vein is very definite and has a uniform width of 8 inches.

Remarks:

Confidential

~~The veins are narrow and badly broken. Ten assays taken at random failed to show any ore. The highest assay was \$2.80 over a width of 4 feet. Other values were poorer (see enclosed sheet). There is no promising showing in the property.~~

Informant:

Ross D. Traylor, Eugene, Oregon ;
Hugh K. Lancaster, 8/24/40

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Jay Gould Group

Gold

NAME

OLD NAMES

PRINCIPAL ORE

MINOR MINERALS

T10S T R36E R Sec.9 S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker COUNTY
Greenhorn AREA
4500 ELEVATION
ROAD OR HIGHWAY
4 1/2 mi. Whitney DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

[Redacted]

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) Ross D. Traylor
Chas. R. Greer

Address 1657 Oak St., Eugene, Ore.
Whitney, Ore.

OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.
5 claims x

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

DEPARTMENT RECORDS on file in
Baker

MINERAL AND VEGETABLE RECORDS

MINES

Handwritten notes: 10/15/10, 10/15/10, 10/15/10

JAY GOULD GROUP

Near Whitney

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		Oz. gold	Oz Dollars	Oz. Silver
ABF 205	3" Barren white quartz with occluded argillite in face of lower tunnel. Strike N 20° Dip 75° SE.	Nil		Nil
ABF 206	No sample this number.			
ABF 207	Barren white crystalline quartz 4" - 40' from face. Lower level District #1.	0.04	\$1.40	Tr
ABF 208	4' Barren broken quartz and argillite 40' from face. Lower level Dr. #1.	0.08	4.80 2.80	Tr
ABF 209	55" argillite containing fine quartz stringers 60' from face. Lower level Dr. # 1.	0.02	0.70	Nil
ABF 210	32" Broken quartz, small amount of argillite South face of drift. Main Tunnel Dr. #1.	Tr		Nil
ABF 211	20" barren looking broken white quartz + small amount of gouge. Drift No. 2 25' north of X-cut.	Tr		Nil
ABF 212	18" Broken black schist limonite stained quartz and small amount gouge. 10' from X-cut in partially caved drift. Lower level.	0.02	0.70	Nil
ABF 213	6" broken quartz dip 70° E. 35' N of raise. E. side of drift upper tunnel.	Tr		Nil
ABF 214	8" broken quartz + small amount of gouge and argillite. Just north of raise in drift. Upper level.	Nil		Nil