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Sumpter District
Baker County

SUMPTER AREA PLACERS (Consuelo Oregon Mines operation)

General: The Consuelo Oregon Mines operation, headed by Max Hoffman, Baker, Oregon, was actively engaged in dragline placer operations in the Sumpter area beginning during the spring of 1938 through June 17, 1942.

From early 1938 through July 1940 the company operated a dragline on Cracker Creek, north of Sumpter. The equipment was then moved to a location on McCully's Fork two miles northwest of Sumpter and was active on this location during 1941 and till June 17, 1942.

Concurrent with the foregoing operations the company also tested placer ground on Three Cent Creek bordering the Whitney Valley west of Sumpter and on Deer Creek southeast of Sumpter. A short term operation was conducted on the Three Cent Creek location when water was available during the spring of 1940, and possibly also during the spring of 1941.

The following table represents a record of recovery at the McCully Fork location between mid-March and June 17, 1942 as summarized from reports made by John Arveno who witnessed the clean-ups, amalgamation and retorting as observer for the law firm of Hallock, Donald & Banta, Baker, Oregon. The reports certify clean-up and retorting procedures, the sealing of the resulting sponges into various types of containers, and sponge weights in all instances

excepting for the first two clean-ups for which it was stated that the sealed cans were taken to Baker by Mr. Hoffman for weighing presumably witnessed by someone else.

Clean-up date

March 29, 1942; retort sponge described as sealed in a two-pound coffee can for transport to Baker for weighing.

April 11, 1942; retort sponge described as sealed into two two-pound coffee cans each about 2/3 (two thirds) full for transport to Baker for weighing.

April 20, 1942; gold sponge weighed in troy ounces by A. H. Woodwell, Sumpter. _____ 262.37

April 30, 1942; as above _____ 293.00

May 12, 1942; as above _____ 215.00 plus 7 3/8 troy ounces of retort scrapings.

May 22, 1942; as above _____ 234.37

June 1, 1942; weighed in avoirdupois at the Sumpter IGA Store, 239 ounces. Estimated troy weight. _____ 215.00

June 17, 1942; weighed in troy ounces at A. H. Woodwell's, Sumpter. _____ 248.65

1,468.39 troy ounces

The June 17 report carried the notation that it represented the final clean-up, that the operation had been terminated and the employees paid off.

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PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) Max Hoffman

Address Baker, Oregon

OPERATOR

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.

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