

MEMO re. Coal Occurrence

This is the record of my visit to a reported occurrence of coal north of the Coos Bay district.

In general, the location is about a mile south of Currier's village and across an arm of Ten Mile Lake from the village. Apparently this would put it in sec. 19, T. 23 S., R. 12 W. Currier's village is a tourist resort on Ten Mile Lake about a mile from a flag stop called "Lakeside" on the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific.

More specifically, the location is in a gulch above the house of a Dr. Johnson who has a cottage opposite Currier's village. Dr. Johnson's water line runs up the gulch in question to a small reservoir, and the coal occurrence is located right under the pipe line about 175 feet down the gulch from the reservoir. (The latter is just below (100' from) an old sawmill site marked by foundation timbers and sawdust piles.)

Was guided to spot by a Mr. Wisti who lives on Ten Mile Lake across from Currier's village. Wisti claims he will open up the coal.

Exposure, in creek bottom, shows about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet thickness of black "coaly" slate, apparently dipping 6° - 10° to the north, and striking east-west. The exposure is poor and relations somewhat obscure. "Coal" seems to be in a buff-colored sandstone - soft and rather massive.

I rather doubt if this "coal" bed when followed in, will lead to a commercial vein. If such a good vein existed in the vicinity, it probably would have been found before.

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