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COARSE GOLD (gold lode and placer)  
(see also Divelbiss Mine)

*mainly in Powers Area  
Coos County  
Probably small part in Curry*

Owners: The general area is staked with a group of 14 claims, located September 12, 1940, and individually owned. Recorded at Coquille, record numbers 1377, 1419, 1514. Claim names and owners are as follows:

- Old Timer, - J. A. Stankavitch.
- Idle Wild, - H. B. Christy.
- Iron Cloud, - Koines
- Jack Pot, - Walter Christensen.
- Old Gold, - Bob Harrison.
- Gold Bar, - J. A. Stankavitch.
- Joker, - Oscar Larson.
- Star, - M. S. Stankavitch.
- Rex Load, - H. B. Christy.
- Coarse Gold, - H. L. Ward.
- Galena Center, - Bob Harrison.
- Bold Eagle, - M. S. Stankavitch.
- Ajax, - V. B. Hendershot.
- Lapine, - Ed Roberts.

Location: Vicinity of sec. corners of secs. 28, 29, 32, 33, T. 32 S., R. 12 W., on Poverty Gulch about 1/2 mile above its junction with Johnson Creek.

Area: Fourteen claims as indicated under "owners".

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History: Diller (03:5) reported as follows:

"A good 5-stamp mill was early erected in connection with Divelbiss Mine in Poverty Gulch. It is generally idle, so that its output is very small. The ore is obtained half a mile south-east and 500 feet above the quartz mill, with which it is connected by tramway and cabled slope. The mine is an open cut in a steep slope, exposing a very ferruginous seamy quartz mass, containing also much oxide of manganese, on the contact of a form of dacite-porphry and slates mingled with other igneous rocks which the dacite-porphry intersects. The black oxide of iron and manganese interferes mechanically to a considerable degree with the amalgamation of the gold. Ira Buzan and several associates operated the mill for a short time in the summer of 1900."

*P. In 1990 it was reported (Bull. 14-C, Oreg. Dept. G. MI, p. 40):*  
The old stamp mill mentioned in the Port Orford folio (Diller 03) ~~is~~ still on the property, but ~~it is~~ no longer usable. Mr. Divelbiss stated that no work has been done on the property since described by Diller. This property has been relocated a number of times, but no one has been able to make it pay because of the difficulty of amalgamating the gold.

"There is a 200 ft. tunnel running in a southeasterly direction together with a 32 ft. shaft. The above information was furnished by Mr. Ernest Divelbiss and Bob Harrison."

The present owners are doing some work on the hard rock veins, mainly exploration. They have placered portions of Poverty Gulch that were missed by former operators. Considerable placer and hard rock work has been done in the general area.

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Equipment: The old stamp mill is now fit only for scrap metal. It no longer stands "in place" but is scattered around the ground. <sup>That is</sup> ~~a~~ well built and equipped cabin, <sup>with some</sup> ~~small~~ tools.

Geology: The Port Orford folio (Diller 03) shows gabbro as the principal country rock, intruded by dacite-porphry. Inspection indicates that the dacite-porphry is more extensive than noted on the map. There is some evidence of low grade metamorphism. No tunnels were entered, and the hillsides are heavily brush covered. Therefore, there are no data on attitude of any veins. General relationships suggest that shear zones were invaded by siliceous solutions and the ore minerals may have accompanied the silica.

References: Diller 03:5 (quoted).

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Bull. 14-C, p. 40, 1940.

Informant: J. E. Morrison, 3/26/59, Ray C. Treasher, 7/42.