

9 July 1979

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter, and in regard to the mineral survey taken by the Bureau of Mines on those Placer Claims belonging to my father and I, located on the little Chetco River, in Sections 13 and 14 T. 39S.R. 10W. W.M, Siskiyou National Forest, Curry County, Oregon.

The results of this survey, although dissapointing, came as no surprise since I was present when one of the test samples was being taken.

I wish I could recall the names of the two young men involved but I cannot. The sample I witnessed was taken from sluff that had accumulated over a period of time. When I objected to this some effort was made to clear away the debris, but the period of time these two men had to walk the mile up river to our claims, take their sample and return down river was two hours, they informed me.

After observing the method used to obtain one sample, I can only assume that all of the samples that constitute the results of this survey were taken in much the same manner.

We would like to point out that when we received the initial contact from the Bureau of Mines requesting permission to conduct this survey of our claims, we believed that the results of the tests would be the result of an honest, professional effort. We believe that we had every right to expect that such would be the case.

We knew about what the results of the test should be and believed that it would enhance our position regarding these claims.

We would further like to point out that at no time were we notified of the day that these tests were to be conducted so that we could be present.

Now we find ourselves saddled with an official government report which if allowed to stand could cost us a lot of effort to negate.

Please find enclosed a copy of your department's report along with a copy of the validating geologist's report. His report of values has been consistent with our experience.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call on either my father or myself.

Len Ramp, the State Geologist in Josephine County, is familiar with these claims and has said if he can answer any questions for you he will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

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June 7, 1979

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Dear Mr. Peterson:

A map of your claim in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and sample results of our 1976 and 1978 work are enclosed. If we can answer any questions about the data, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

R. N. Appling, Jr., Chief
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Enclosures