

**BONANZA BASIN PLACER**

Lobster Creek area.

Owner: Francis ("Pete") Parker, Powers, Oregon; Dan Rowlan, Powers, Oregon; and Carl Smedberg, Gold Beach, Oregon.

Location: Just below the Bonanza Placer mine and includes Bonanza Basin. It consists of two groups, the Grizzley Bear and Big Four. The basin or meadow is about 3000 ft. long by 500 ft. wide maximum, with an average of about 250 ft. and is heavily timbered. It is about 500 ft. lower than the Bonanza; a very steeply sloping gorge separates the two properties. There is a similar gorge at the lower end of the property. The upper one permits high pressure for hydraulic mining and the lower one for tailing disposal. There is a hard reef across the lower end which should be trenched through to get bedrock drainage. It is thought that a maximum depth of 15 feet at the upper end of the trench will drain bedrock. This trench will be about 400 ft. long.

There is a high percentage of boulders but not many large ones.

Development: A trench starting at level of the reef has been dug up stream for about 400 ft. in an attempt to get to bedrock. The upper end of this trench is about 14 feet deep but did not reach bedrock. The trench is timbered and lagged but is too flat for sluicing. Several pits and shafts were dug but water prevented reaching bedrock.

But little knowledge is available as to values in the Bonanza Basin because bedrock has never been reached. It is thought that because Bonanza and Parker mines above this property were rich and placers on lower Boulder Creek were of good grade that this basin in between is worth systematic exploration.

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