

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES
Grants Pass Oregon Field Office

MEMO REPORT

TOMBSTONE PROSPECT (Gold)

Tiller Drew District
Douglas County

LOCATION: On ridge in saddle at road junction 2,720 ft elevation SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5,
T. 31 S., R. 3 W.

OWNERS: Fred Mingea and associates of Glendale, Oregon and Red Bluff, California

HISTORY: The prospect was rediscovered while gathering evergreens for Sherwood Forest Farms plant at Quines Creek about 3 or 4 years ago. There was a shallow discovery cut and beginnings of an adit about 10-ft deep along with rusty pick and shovel with rotted out handles. Mingea was familiar with the story of the lost "Red Blanket" prospect discovered by Ed Shieffelin just before his death in 1897, and thought it highly possible that this could be the long-lost prospect Shieffelin wrote about in his diary; hence the name Tombstone.

A road has been recently constructed through the saddle covering up the old prospect so that all that is visible is the dump.

GEOLOGY: The prospect was visited on a cold, rainy day so no time was spent looking closely at the rocks. The country rocks appear to be dark fine-grained meta-sediments, perhaps in part metavolcanics, which were mapped by Diller and Kay (1924) as Jurassic Galice Formation and greenstones.

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