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Owners: W. G. St. Marie, and Bessie St. Marie, Canyon City.

Location: 2 miles above Canyon City at Horseshoe Bar on the w side of Canyon Creek above the highway.

Area: 3 unpatented placer claims of 20 acres each extending on both sides of the creek.

History: Placer was worked in the 1860's. It is said that Turner ground sluiced many years ago and recovered \$9,000.

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Geology: The Bench Placer lies 260 feet up a very steep Canyon wall above Canyon Creek. The bedrock is serpentine and gabbro. Boulders run in size up to 6 feet in diameter, but average less than 1 foot. There is a large amount of sandy soil and fine gravel but no clay. Gold is 875 fine, and the gravel is said to average from \$.10 to \$.40 a yeard. Pieces of gold up to \$16.00 have been found, from \$2.00 to \$5.00 are frequent; but the average is about \$.25 of less. It is usually mixed through the gravel, but on the bedrock runs a little bit higher.

Miscellaneous: This property is on the highway. There is no timber. Its accessibility enables its working throughout the winter unless the ditch reezes.

Development: A pit 200 feet long, 40 feet wide, and with a 40 foot face has been dug. Mr. St. Marie plans to siphon the water across the highway and work the ledge in the "Horseshoe," at 100 feet lower elevation. This ground should average well over \$1 a yard from the tests made.

Informant: W. G. ST. Marie: J. E. Allen (10/14/38)

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