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Greenleaf Ranch Placer
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Gold Hill Mining Dist.
Jackson County

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Operator: Crescent-Pacific Mining Co.

The dredge is now shut down after operating for about 500' up Kane Creek. The cause at the present time is lack of water; however, it is questionable whether or not they will ever operate here. It depends on what kind of a deal they can make to get out of the contract with the land owners. The reason for discontinuing is two-fold: 1. Gravels are not as rich as were represented to be, 2. Large amounts of clay and frequent boulders, up to 6' in diameter.

Mr. L. V. Middle of Medford, Oregon, who was primarily responsible for the original testing is no longer with the company. The gravels "do not come close" to running what he reported. After dredging for the short time that they did they dug two test holes with the drag line about 1/4 mile apart and thoroughly sampled them. These holes averaged about what the dredge was running, and it was inferred that this was considerably less than 200' yard.

The gravels at this place will run up to 30' in depth. The top 10' is good working but beyond this point it is largely clay and near bed rock large boulders are found. The channel will average approximately 200' wide. They had expected to work (and therefore must have leases) up the creek for approximately 2 1/2 miles.

Informant:

Earl Grantham, Superintendent.

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To supplement confidential report of my report dated June 26, 1946.

Operator: Crescent-Pacific Mining Company.

The dredge has now been dismantled. Further work has been abandoned.

Resoiling is being done over the short distance worked.

Future work is unknown.

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Greenleaf Ranch Place

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Gold Hill Area
Jackson Co.

George Riddle of Crescent-Pacific made a deal for this land, the entire nature of the deal was not learned. However, the Company will re-soil such of the Greenleaf property as they dredge, the owners taking a smaller royalty than they would if re-soiling were not done. As advised by Mrs. Greenleaf, it is doubtful if the Company has secured any extensive holdings in the area.

The local residents are peculiar in that they do not respond readily to the inducements of anyone who comes along. Numerous outfits have tried to secure holdings in the area but in each case have been blocked by the unwillingness of the land holders to sign up. As explained to me, the Greenleaf's are convinced that Crescent-Pacific is as represented, but the other residents are somewhat cagey. They prefer to wait and see how the Greenleaf's comes out.

The Crescent-Pacific discontinued their work on the Applegate River about the 1st of February, or earlier. Their digging equipment was moved to the cantonment (Camp White) where it is being used on construction. They do not plan on beginning active dredging until their digging equipment is released at the cantonment.

The Company has been sued by one of the land holders on the Applegate. As nearly as can be determined, the former land owner preferred to take a higher royalty than have the land re-soiled. Then he sold his land to another, who apparently was not told that the deal did not include re-soiling. So they are attempting to make Crescent-Pacific cough up. This suit is unfortunate as it has caused the Kane Creek residents to look with suspicion on the Company. Other land owners on the Applegate, including the Offenbachers, seem to be very well satisfied with the deal Crescent-Pacific has given them, so I am inclined to believe the story given above.

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Field Geologist
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