

GREEN'S PLACER

GOLD HILL DISTRICT

Owner: Pike property, leased by F. S. Green, Rogue River, Oregon.

Location: sec. 20, T. 33 S., R. 4 W., about 3 miles upstream from the upper Graves Creek bridge.

Area: 40 acres held by location.

Development: Virgin ground; operations to begin as soon as weather and the roads permit.

Equipment: Elevated sluice box, 30 inches by 40 feet, with a high-line, 1-yard bucket. 2000 feet of 3/4 inch and 1 inch cable. 40 foot gin pole. Buick automobile engine on hoist and a Dodge motor on the pump. A 55-Cletrack caterpillar with bulldozer. High-line discharges into a hopper; sluice has hungarian riffles.

Water: about 9 months of the year, water is taken from Grave Creek.

Geology: bedrock is slate and diorite, hard and rough. Boulders are plentiful, many of them too large for the bucket; very little clay; the gold is clean. Gold is coarse and fine, and is all placer gold, and concentration seems to be on bedrock.

Informant: Mike Bright, Traveler's Rest Auto Camp, Grants Pass, Oregon 3/22/40

Report by: RCT.

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Mr. Bright did some of the testing and preliminary work for Mr. Green. Green is a contractor and has dirt-moving equipment. Bright said that the manner in which Green picked the ground was that Green was traveling thru this area and picked up a hitch-hiker who was telling him about the fine (excellent) gold that could be gotten from upper Grave Creek. With no more ado, Mr. Green began moving in equipment. Mr. Bright said he had his ideas of the value of the ground but he wished to say nothing about it, as they were at variance with Green's ideas, and he might be doing him (Green) an injustice.

It would appear that here is another one of these dirt-contractors who has decided that placer mining will be an excellent place to keep some of his equipment busy. My, my, how we do need education on how to test and sample a property before beginning work.

Earl: ---- where is that bulletin of yours! For heaven's sake, stress, and stress vigorously and repeatedly, the need for testing and sampling, as well as how to do it.