

Confidential

McKEE PLACER

UPPER APPLGATE DISTRICT

Owner: A. M. McKee, Star Rt., Jacksonville, Oregon.

Operator: M. C. Lininger & Sons.

Location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 8, T. 40 S., R. 3 W., on Big Applegate River just downstream from Rippey Ranch Placer.

Area: About 10 acres of placer ground that is deeded land. (Lininger was not certain about exact amount)

History: The placer was worked by Ernest McKee and John Boyle, Medford, intermittently, for years 1938 and 1939. Equipment was leased from M. C. Lininger and came from his operation on the Fred Offenbacher ranch (ground now held by Crescent-Pacific Gold Mining Co.) McKee and Boyle released their rights to Lininger who began testing the ground in July, 1940.

Equipment: A  $\frac{1}{2}$  yd. Speeder gasoline shovel. The dry-land washing plant has a 3 yd. hopper, a trommel 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. x 24 ft. of which  $\frac{1}{3}$  has no holes and the remainder has  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch holes, five 6-~~1/2~~ ft. x 2 ft. sluices under the trommel and about 50 ft. of discharge sluice, a 6-inch pump to raise water from the Applegate River, and the plant is powered with a Star automobile engine. Four trucks carry material from the shovel to the washing plant; two 3-yd., one 4-yard, and 1 (rented) 2-yard, trucks.

Geology: There is little overburden or clay. Gravel size ranges from small pebbles to boulders too large for the shovel, and it is water-worn to sub-angular in shape. Bedrock is very uneven. Gold seems to be concentrated in "streaks" through the river bar.

Informant: M. C. Lininger, July 11, 1940  
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