MEE PLACERS  UPPER APPLEGATE DISTRICT

Owner: Warren Mee estate, being purchased by Oroville Gold Exploration Co.,
John C. Boyle, Secy.; Grants Pass; leased to Hayfork Gold Dredging Co.,
Applegate, Oregon; C. Fred Holmes, pres.; Chas. C. Stearns, secy & mgr.

Location: NE 2 sec. 29, T. 38 S., R. 4 W., 1 mile south of Applegate, Elev. 1300'.

Area: 50 acres of deeded land.

History: Considerable handwork done in the past. Dredge operations started
Jan. 10, 1940 by Hayfork Co. Plan to operate about 1 yr.

Development: Operating at rate of 2000 yds. daily. Rated capacity is 2500 yds.

Equipment: All equipment is diesel powered. Floating type dragline dredge,
wooden frame and pontoons. Trommel 26' x 48" with 8' of 3/8" perforations,
8' of 1/2" perforations. Steel angle iron riffles; a 45', 24" stacker. A
1-3/4 yard Diesel dragline with 1/2 yd. bucket, 45' boom, with an extension
for deeper ground. Diesel caterpillar, welding truck.

Geology: Flat operation, property 3/4 mi. long and from 235' to 900' in width.
Ground averages 6' in depth, 10 percent of material is over 1 ft. in
diameter. No clay. Bedrock is soft, decomposed conglomerate with some
"porphyry". Gold is judged to be about 570 fine, and is of the pocket-type,
that is, not placer, or water transported. It is scattered throughout
the gravel. Some of the gold recovered is wire gold, and crystalline gold
is reported from near Applegate.

Economics: Three men per shift on boat, an oiler, welder, caterpillar operator,
dragline operator.

Informant: Chas. C. Stearns,

Report by: JEA & RET, Jan. 31, 1940.
Free Claimers: Oregon Applegate: Jackson


Location: (near Boyer in Grant Co.) N. half sec. 23, T. 38 S., R. 4 W., 1 mile S. of Applegate.
Elev. 1200'

Area: 50 acres, decreed land

History: Considerable handwork done in the past. Dredge operation started January 10, 1940, by Hayfork Co., plans to operate about 1 year.

Development: Capacity of 1,000 yds daily with 80 ft gound. Rated capacity 2,500 yds.

Equipment: 1 1/2 yds. dragline dredge, wooden frame & pontoons. Dredge 25' X 28',
8' 3/4' estraining, 6' 4' jumbo, 6' 6' pomo. Steel 3 pipe ripples, 25' 24' stacker.
1 1/2 diesel dredge, 1 1/2 cubic yard bucket, 15' boom, with one extension
for deeper ground. Diesel caterpillar, welding truck.

Geology: The operation, property 1/2 mi long for 235' 190' in width. Ground average
8' depth, 15% of material over 5 ft diameter. Clay clays, redrock in soft
been found at, some pay bearing, Gold of "poor ten" that is, it is not placer, a
water transported, scattered throughout the ground. Some 1/8th gold recovered
in mine - gold, 1 completion gold in report 1 from near Applegate.

Economics: 3 men/shift on boat; 3 men, welder, caterpillar operator, dragline operator.
Cost around 10c/ct.

Informant: C. C. Hearn.

Report by: J. E. A.
Date: Jan. 31, 1940.
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Chas C. Stearns, Mgr. of dredge, states that the ground will average 20 cents per yard, and that their costs are around 10 cents per yard.