

*Upper Applegate*

*Jackson Co*  
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Jackson County

Ripsey Ranch Placer Mine

Owner: J. F. Ripsey, Star Route, Jacksonville, Oregon.

Location: On Big Applegate River 24 miles southwest of Medford in Secs. 7, 8 and 17, T. 40 S., R. 3 W.

Area: 105 acres of patented agricultural land of which approximately 28 acres is mining ground. One 20 acre placer claim in Sec. 7.

History: This property has been operated from time to time for the last 50 years in a small way. Norman Terry operated it from November, 1937 to April 20, 1938.

Development: Approximately 2,000 yards was mined last winter along the bank of the Applegate River which is said to have produced about \$600. Ten test holes at irregular intervals, according to Mr. Ripsey, show an average value of 60¢. Maximum depth to bedrock about 20 feet. Gold runs about 9x75 fineness and is coarse.

General Information: Elevation is 1800 ft. No water rights. Water will have to be pumped out of the Applegate River. No place to stack tailings. It is a flat operation. No overburden, in loose coarse gravel and very little clay. No equipment on property. The water will have to be pumped at a vertical distance of 30 feet.

Informant: J. E. Morrison.

RIPPEY RANCH PLACER MINE

UPPER APPLLEGATE

Owner: J. F. Rippey, Star Route, Jacksonville, Oregon.

Location: Secs. 7, 8, & 17, T. 40 S., R. 3 W., on Big Applegate River 24 miles S.W. of Medford.

Area: 105 acres of patented agricultural land of which approximately 28 acres are mining ground. One 20-acre placer claim in Sec. 7

History: This property has been worked in a small way intermittently for the past 50 years. Norman Terry operated it from Nov. 1937 to April 20, 1938. Joseph H. Garner and Charles Dallerup, Crescent Oil Co., San Francisco, are reported to have purchased the Rippey and Dick Head Ranches for a drag-line set-up. The company was known as the Crescent-Pacific Mining Company and they worked from April to June, 1939. The plant was moved to the Offenbacher (fred) ranch (~~see/Offenbacher/Placer~~) (see Crescent-Pacific Dredge Co.). The property ~~is/it~~ was idle during 1940 except for sniping.

Development: Approximately 2,000 yards were mined by the Crescent-Pacific Co. along the bank of the Applegate River during the period from April to June 1939.

Equipment: A 1½ dragline Lima shovel, a Judson-Pacific washer with a 50 ft. stacker, a Caterpillar Diesel-electric 62½ K.W.A. power plant for the washer, and a four inch Fairbanks-Morse centrifugal pump.

Mining Facilities: No water rights. Water has to be pumped a vertical height of 30 feet from the Applegate River. It is a "flat" operation and there is a tailings disposal problem.

Geology: Elevation of the placer is 1800 feet. There is no overburden and very little clay. The loose material is cobbles and boulders ranging from 2 inch to 2 feet in diameter.

Bedrock is very uneven. Maximum depth to bedrock is about 20 feet. The gold is coarse and is reported at 9.75 fineness. Ten test holes are reported to average 60¢ a yard.

Informant: J. E. Morrison, 1939; RCT July, 1940.

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