

STURGIS PLACER

Upper Applegate area

"The Sturgis mine is 4 miles southwest from Jacksonville on Forest Creek, in sec. 10, T. 38 S., R. 3 W. It was formerly the property of the Sterling Mining Company but is now owned by Vance Mining Company, of Eureka, Calif., and leased by Lou Stone. The property contains about 900 acres.

"The deposit has an average thickness of about 30 feet. In the lowest 10 feet are gravels and sand containing rounded and subangular boulders, which are chiefly of greenstone, although some are of granodiorite. The bedrock is greenstone much fractured and veined; in places it is very slaty, the strike being N. 30° E. and the dip 48° S.E. The mine is equipped with giants, and a derrick is used for handling the boulders. About 1 acre a year is mined."
This placer ground was dredged by the B-H Company in 1940-41.
Reference: Parks & Swartley, 16:214-215 (quoted)