

REPORT OF MINERAL EXAMINATION

Job 697

Claimant: Mildred Florence Silva and Myron Victor Haines, son
930 Crow Road, Merlin, Oregon

Reason for Examination: Occupancy of a new cabin on a mining claim

Subject: Validity of a mining claim

Lands Involved: Hope placer claim as amended in Book 48, Page 627. NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 16, T. 35 S., R. 8 W., W.M. Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine County, Oregon

Land Status: National Forest land open to Mineral Entry

Location Data:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Date of Location / Locator</u>		<u>Book/Page</u>
Hope	Notice of Location	7/1/48	Andrew M. Thomason	46/263
Hope	Amend. Location	9/5/50	Andrew M. Thomason	48/627
Hope Group	N/L	2/16/51	Andrew M. Thomason	49/531
Hope #1 & #2	N/L	11/10/70	Thomas T. Rumery	77/187
Hope #1 & #2	Q.C.D.	4/2/71	Thomas T. Rumery to George Luther Summers	17/593
Hope #1 & #2	Q.C.D.	6/30/71	George Luther Summers Gail W. Pressnall	17/611
Hope #1 & #2	Q.C.D.	8/8/72	Gail W. Pressnall to Mildred Florence Silva	17/670
Hope #1 & #2	Q.C.D.	8/15/72	Mildred Florence Silva Maxine Littlefield	17/672
Hope #1 & #2	Q.C.D.	8/15/72	Maxine Littlefield to Mildred Florence Silva and Myron Victor Haines, son	17/673

HOPE PLACER

GALICE DIST.

Mining District: Galice
Mining Engineer: Colver F. Anderson
Date of Examination: August 25, 1972
Accompanied by: Don Doyle, Forester
Myron Haines, claimant

Location and Topography

The subject claims are about five miles up the South Fork Galice Creek from the Rogue River highway at the community of Galice. Galice is 16 miles from U.S. Highway I-5 through Merlin.

The creek bottom is fairly broad and the creek entrenched in places. The hillsides are generally steep.

Economic Geology

Galice creek has been a productive placer stream for nearly 100 years, especially where stream gravels are related to erosion of the overlying "old channel" deposits. The source of all the placer gold is probably weathered gold bearing veins in the country rock.

Examination shows that placer ground within the subject claims has been extensively worked many years ago as illustrated in Picture 2.

History and Production

There is no record on this topic.

Pertinent Information

The occupants from the claim location in 1970 through Pressnall in 1972 are not people interested or knowledgeable in mining.

The 1950 era locations are listed in order to obtain claim descriptions. There is a 20 year gap after 1950 when no one was known to be interested in the ground.

Occupancy

Under the ownership of Pressnall the old cabin was removed and a geodesic dome type cabin built as shown in Picture 1.

There are usually more occupants than Mr. Pressnall and his girl companion. Some have tried raising marijuana.

Discovery

Very minor mining activity has been carried on by the present series of occupants. Mr. Pressnall had spent a few hours digging in gravel at the side of Galice Creek a few hundred feet below the cabin. This area is shown in Picture 3. The place is on a side drainage which probably washed mud and debris onto old placer tailings on Galice Creek. A pan of mud and gravel from bed rock had a small amount of black sand but no gold.

The gravel along Galice Creek has all been worked on the subject claim.

Conclusion

These occupants are not bonafide miners. A discovery has not been demonstrated and is not capable of being demonstrated within the claims.

Recommendations

The Hope claims should be scheduled for a validity hearing based upon the charges that:

1. A discovery has not been demonstrated within the limits of the claim, and
2. The claimants are not bonafide miners.

4/16/72

Date

Colver F. Anderson

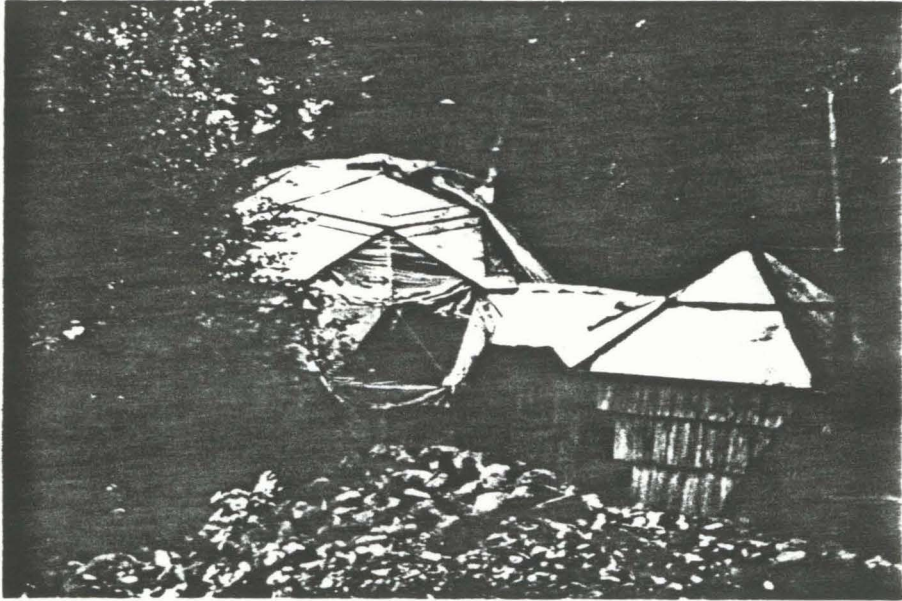
COLVER F. ANDERSON
Mining Engineer

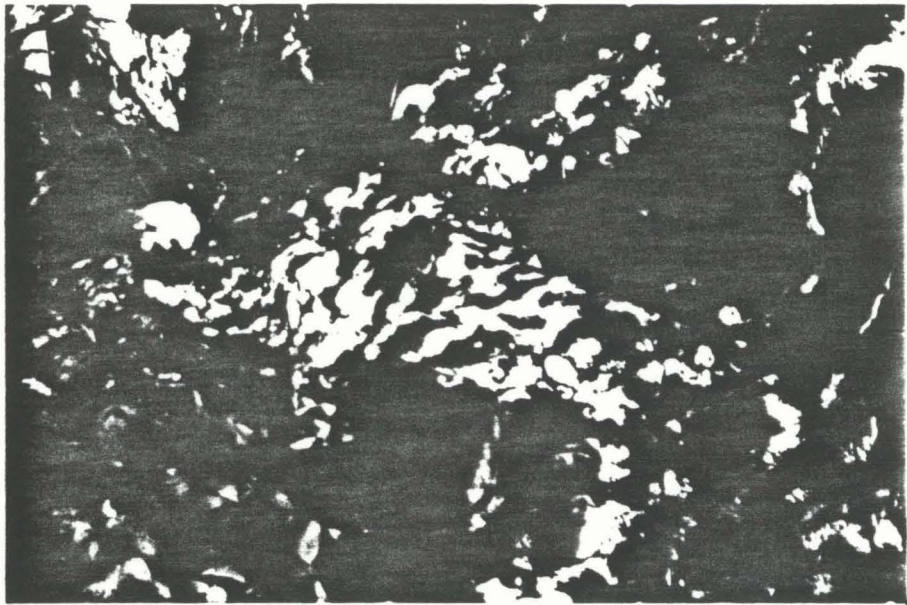
Approved:

10/18/72

Date

William W. Suckey
Assistant Regional Forester





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