

REPORT OF MINERAL EXAMINATION

Job 748

*Josephine Co
Galice Dist.
Little Nugget*

Claimant: Mary I. McDonald
P.O. Box 342, Merlin, Oregon 97532

Reason for Examination: Administrative problem involving occupancy

Subject: Validity of mining claim

Land Involved: The Little Nugget placer claim 300 x 3000 feet up Antler Creek in Sec. 15 & 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: Little Nugget, located May 1, 1972 by Mary I. McDonald and recorded in Book 78, page 46

Mining District: Galice Creek

Mining Engineer: Colver F. Anderson

Date of Examination: August 25, 1972

Accompanied by: Don Doyle, Forester, Galice District and occupants Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hood

Location and Topography

This claim is on a tributary of South Fork Galice Creek called Antler Creek. The creek is steep and narrow with steep hillsides. The claim as layed out (300 x 3000) would include most of the drainage. The side creek is about 1/2 mile beyond the end of the lower road up this branch of Galice Creek.

Economic Geology

The bedrock of Antler Creek is shale of the Galice formation. The stream gradient has not permitted the formation of significant bars. There is no evidence of mining or plans to mine.

Pertinent Information

The claimant is permitting the occupants to live on the claim and build a cabin which will remain on the claim when Mr. and Mrs. Hood leave.

The Hoods have no idea of what is involved in mining. They are from North Carolina where his father is in a business remote from mining.

Occupancy

The picture shows a framework and tent occupied at present. The Hoods still say their plan is to build a cabin on the site they have levelled.

Conclusion

There is no mining and no discovery. The geology indicates that no discovery can be shown.

Validity should be determined before a cabin is built.

Recommendation

A validity hearing should be requested based upon the charges that:

1. A discovery has not been demonstrated, and
2. The occupants are not bona fide miners.

9/15/72
Date

Colver F. Anderson
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Mining Engineer

Approved:

10/16/72
Date

Neilson McSwain
Assistant Regional Forester