

BENSON PLACER

Galice area

Owner: C. E. Gray and Viola Gray, Box 741, Wolf Creek, Oregon.

Location: E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 2, T. 34 S., R. 7 W.

Area: 162 acres, patented claims.

History: Originally staked by Mr. Benson about 60 years ago. The ground was held for a time by the Lewis Investment Company. Value of production is estimated at about \$250,000.

Development: About 1,000,000 yards of material has been moved. There is about 2,000,000 yards of gravel remaining.

Equipment: None.

Geology: Fairly soft and reasonably smooth diorite bedrock; boulders are small and well rotted; gold is medium in size; no clay; very little black sand; traces of platinum. This is part of the old high channel.

Informant: C. E. Gray, 4/4/40.

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