

LEWIS PLACER

Greenback area

Owner: Lewis Investment Co., Portland, Oregon.

Location: sec. 6, T. 34 S., R. 6 W.

Area: About 80 acres.

Development: Has not been worked to any extent since 1903.

Informant: R. E. Reed, 4/4/40

Report by: Ray C. Treasher

Galice Mining District

Josephine County

Lewis Placer

Status of Placer Operations for 1947-1948 Season: Hydraulic -
2 giants. Reported to be operating.

Bud Lewis
Galice, Oregon

Location: Vicinity of Galice,
Sec. 36, T34S., R8W.

Report by Harold D. Wolfe
Dec. 17, 1947

ROCKY GULCH MINE (placer)

Galice area

Also known as Lewis Placer, Jewell & Lewis Placer, Lewis & Lowell Placer, Lowell & Lewis Placer, Rock Gulch Placer.

Owner: H. L. Lewis, Galice, Oregon.

Location: secs. 25 and 36, T. 34 S., R. 8 W. ($\frac{1}{4}$ corner between 25 and 36 is 193 feet west of highway)

Area: 160 acres of deeded land of which 35 acres in sec. 25 and 25 acres in sec. 36 between the highway and River are leased to Oregon Placers, Inc., (July, 1940).

History: According to reports the placer was worked first in 1856. Chinamen placered rich ground along the river's edge and on bars. Most of the 160 acres above the highway and 5 or 6 acres below the highway have been hydraulicked. Production, in excess of \$150,000, is reported. In recent years, sniping along the river margin has yielded as much as \$8 per man per day in good years. Oregon Placers, Inc., moved onto ground below the highway on July 23, 1940, from the Illinois River below the mouth of Josephine Creek.

Parks and Swartley report as follows:

"The Jewell & Lewis placer, now known as the Rock Gulch placer, is owned by H. L. Lewis, of Galice, and associates. It is located on Rogue River, about 1 mile below the mouth of Rocky Gulch. It was worked by hydraulic methods with water from Rocky Gulch, but was inactive in 1913. The gravel forms a bar in the river and also rises to a bench about 15 feet above water level. The gravel has been raised by a steam shovel and then washed by a giant through a revolving screen to remove the coarse material, after which the fine sand passes into the sluice boxes."

According to the Mining Journal, August 30, 1940:

"Equipment of the Oregon Placers, Inc., has been moved from the Illinois River placers to the Rock Gulch placers, one mile north of Galice, Oregon, where a one-yard shovel and a dragline washing plant will be used. R. Y. Hanlon, Selma, Oregon, is dredgemaster. The company is headed by Ernest Stent, Crocker First National Bank Building, San Francisco, California."

Informant: H. L. Lewis & Ray C. Treasher, July 23, 1940.

Report by: Ray C. Treasher, July 29, 1940.

Reference: Parks & Swartley, pp. 133-134, 1916. (quoted)
Diller, 14:113
Mining Journal, August 30, 1940.