

PAYNE'S MINE (placer)

Greenback area

Owner: M. H. Davis, Wolf Creek, Oregon.

Location: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 19, T. 33 S., R. 5 W., just north of the Forsythe Placer.

History: Parks & Swartley reported as follows:

"Payne's placer mine is near Foley Gulch in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 19, T. 33 S., R. 5 W., about 3 miles east of the Pacific Highway on Coyote Creek and about 5 miles from the station of Wolf Creek. According to Diller:

"The mine stretches up from the creek level to the terrace nearly 100 feet above. Coyote Creek has but little fall, and the Ruble elevator has been used to advantage. The greenstone pebbles are completely rotten; those of slate are not so thoroughly decomposed. An underlying dark gray gravel is fresh and unaltered."

General: It is reported that Payne's Mine is now also known as the Jason Placer, and is operated by Mr. Shelley with one giant. The property is not the same as the Forsythe Placer, on which a Ruble elevator is being worked in 1940.

Clem Cleveland and Robert Price mined the ground during the 1937-38 season. The property has been worked intermittently during periods of high water since that time.

It consists of red, oxidized material; boulders are not plentiful.

Reference: Parks & Swartley, 16:178 (quoted).

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