

Greenback District  
Josephine County  
MAR 9 1939

Name: Speaker Placer (gold)  
Also known as the Hole-In-Ground

Owner: Lem Speaker, Wolf Creek, Oregon

Location: On Wolf Creek 6 miles above Wolf Creek  
Post Office in Sec. 9, T. 33 S., R. 5 W.

Area: Mr. Speaker stated that he owns 160 acres  
while the Assessor's map shows only 120  
acres. He must be purchasing an additional  
40 acres on contract which does not show on  
records as being under his name. The records  
show the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  less the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 9, T. 33  
S., R. 5 W. 120 acres of patented ground.

History: Henry Speaker and Father, Lem, have operated  
this placer intermittently for about 40 years.  
They have not kept any record of production  
and have no idea as to what it would be.

Water Right; He claims the first priority of 10 c.f.s.  
on Wolf Creek. The water is brought to the  
property through a 3 foot ditch  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long  
giving a 135 foot head. Operating season is  
November 15th to June 1st. Elevation 1800 ft.  
Rough Greenstone bedrock. No clay. Lots of  
small boulders. At this point Wolf Creek  
valley is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile wide and is fairly  
level, making ideal placer ground. Gravel will  
average 2 to 3 yards in depth. He has never  
tested the ground but has a general idea as to  
where the channel runs due to his years of ex-  
perience of <sup>working</sup> running with it. Ground is said to  
average about 10¢ per yard.

Equipment: 2 No. 2 giants  
2 No. 3 giants  
Several hundred feet of hydraulic pipe

Informant: J. E. Morrison and Henry Speaker. 5/14/38.

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Speaker Placer

Status of Placer Operations for 1947-48 Season

Mr. Henry Speaker  
Wolf Creek, Oregon

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Sec. 9 T.33S., R5W.

Hydraulic-used 2 giants last season. It is reported that he will operate this season but there was no sign of any immediate operation.

H. D. Wolfe  
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