

Mar. 7, 1939
Illinois River District
Josephine County

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A. J. Moore, Bend, Ocl.*

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Location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 13, T. 36 S., R. 9 W., in the saddle west of Manganese Point.

Authority: Department Report (JEA) which is given as follows:

"Located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 13, T. 36 S., R. 9 W., in the saddle west of Manganese Point (which is 36 x 79 feet on the Kerby Quadrangle). There are three 2-foot ledges parallel, striking north 35° west, dipping 70° west in contort banded quartzite, composed of rhodonite and yellow garnet (andradite) altered to black oxides along jointing. Five open cuts total nearly 100 feet, one of them is 35 feet long."

RECORD IDENTIFICATION

RECORD NO..... M013497
RECORD TYPE..... X1M
COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION. USGS
FILE LINK ID..... CONSV
DEPOSIT NO..... DDGMI 100-230
MAP CODE NO. OF REC..

REPORTER

NAME..... LEE, W
DATE..... 74 01
UPDATED..... 81 05
BY..... FERNS, MARK L. (BROOKS, HOWARD C.)

NAME AND LOCATION

DEPOSIT NAME..... ELKHORN PLACER MINE

MINING DISTRICT/AREA/SUBDIST. ILLINOIS -CHETCO

COUNTRY CODE..... JS
COUNTRY NAME: UNITED STATES

STATE CODE..... OR
STATE NAME: OREGON

COUNTY..... JOSEPHINE
DRAINAGE AREA..... 17100311 PACIFIC NORTHWEST
PHYSIOGRAPHIC PRDV..... 13 KLAMATH MOUNTAINS
LAND CLASSIFICATION..... 41

QUAD SCALE QUAD NO OR NAME
1: 62500 SELMA

LATITUDE LONGITUDE
42-25-23N 123-42-25W

UTM NORTHING UTM EASTING UTM ZONE NO
4696777.2 441840.1 +10

TWP..... 36S
RANGE..... 09W
SECTION.. 24
MERIDIAN. W.M.

POSITION FROM NEAREST PROMINENT LOCALITY: SE1/4

COMMODITY INFORMATION

COMMODITIES PRESENT

DRE MATERIALS (MINERALS, ROCKS, ETC.):
GOLD

COMMODITY SUBTYPES OR USE CATEGORIES:
GRAVELS SAID TO RUN \$0.15/YD AU (1935)

ANALYTICAL DATA (GENERAL)
GOLD RUNS 912 - 964 FINE

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
STATUS OF EXPLOR. OR DEV. 1

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT

DEPOSIT TYPES:

PLACER

FORM/SHAPE OF DEPOSIT:

SIZE/DIRECTIONAL DATA

SIZE OF DEPOSIT..... SMALL

MAX THICKNESS..... 35 FT

DESCRIPTION OF WORKINGS
SURFACE

COMMENTS (DESCRIP. OF WORKINGS):
ABOUT 10 ACRES MINED

PRODUCTION
UNDETERMINED

GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY

AGE OF HOST ROCKS..... QUAT

HOST ROCK TYPES..... CHANNEL AND BENCH GRAVELS

GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTIVE NOTES. GRAVEL UP TO 35 FEET DEEP BUT AVERAGES 12 FEET.

GENERAL REFERENCES

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- 2) OREGON METAL MINES HANDBOOK, 1942, ODGMI BULL. 14-C, VOL. 2, SEC. 1, P.129