

BILLY BLUE MINE (gold)

Lower Applegate area

Location: Sec. 1, T. 37 S., R. 5 W.

"The Billie Blue Mine, owned by Messrs. Joe Shaska and Wm. Swinden, is located 8 miles southeast of Grants Pass, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles up Savage Creek from the Pacific Highway. The property is developed by a 65-foot shaft and a few short tunnels and open cuts, exposing in numerous places small quartz lenses in a schist or soapstone. Free gold is found in several places on the property in these development pits and shafts, often plastered upon faces of the country rock. Good prospects were obtained by panning. A 200-foot tunnel is now being driven, which is intended to cut the vein at a depth of 125 feet."

Reference: Parks & Swartley, 16:37 (quoted)