

BONE OF CONTENTION MINE(gold)

Lower Applegate area

"The Bone of Contention mine, 15 miles southeast of Grants Pass, is on the line between secs. 24 and 25, T. 38 S., R. 5 W., on the east side of Williams creek, at an elevation of about 1700 feet, as measured by barometer. It is near the border of an area of tonalite, which extends northward about 2 miles. The tonalite is here in contact with argillite; it is also cut by dikes of aplite. The mine is equipped with two ore bins, water power obtained from a ditch, and Pelton wheel, a 15-stamp mill with 2 amalgamating plates each 42 by 120 inches, and a concentrating table. The main adit enters S. 77° E., but contains too much water to permit inspection. It is evident from the dump that it leads to several thousand feet of workings. The mine has been idle for several years."

Since 1916 it has been worked in a very small way.

Reference: Parks & Swartley, 16:39 (quoted)