MOUNTAIN LION MINE (gold) LOWER APPLEGATE DIST. JOSEPHINE county

The Mountain Lion mine is 12 miles southeast of Grants Pass and 1 mile north of Davidson in Sec. 25, T. 37 S., R. 5 W. It is owned by L. L. Jewell, of Grants Pass, and is under bond and lease to C. G. Murphy, of Applegate.

When visited in August, 1913, the main adit was caved and could not be seen; the upper adit (No. 2) is about 500 feet long, with more than 300 feet on the vein which is 4 to 36 inches wide with 0 to 24 inches of quartz and the remainder crushed greenstone. A sample of the country rock contains rare phenocrysts of augite in a matrix of abundant green hornblende (altering to serpentine) and plagioclase, almost wholly sericitized with the production of some secondary calcite and quartz. The main adit is said to be more than 1200 feet long with the ore stoped out above.

The Mountain Lion mine is equipped with a boiler, engine, air compressor, and a 5-stamp mill having 900-pound stamps, a crusher, an 8-foot plate with riffles below, and a concentrator. Adolf Meyer experimeted here with a magneto-electric process with is no longer in use. According to Kay,

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Taken from "The Mineral Resources of Oregon", Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, H.M. Parks and A. M. Swartley, Volume 2, Number 4, December, 1916.

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From The Mineral Resources of Oregon by Oregon Bureau of Mines and aGeology, by A.N. Winchell, Volume 1, Number 5, August, 1914.

Kay (U.S. Geol. Survey Bulletin 380, p. 59, 1909)

RECORD IDENTIFICATION

RECORD VO..... M061071

RECORD TYPE.... XIM

COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION. USGS

DEPOSIT NO..... DDGMI 100-300

MAP CODE NO. OF REC ..

REPORTER

NAME JOHNSON, MAUREEN G.

UPDATED..... 81 03

BY FERNS, MARK L. (BROOKS, HOWARD C.)

NAME AND LOCATION

DEPOSIT NAME..... MOUNTAIN LION PROSPECT

COUNTRY CODE.....

COUNTRY NAME: UNITED STATES

STATE CODE. OR

STATE NAME: DRESON

COUNTY..... JOSEPHINE

DRAINAGE AREA........ 17100000 PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROV..... 13 KLAMATH MOUNTAINS

LAND CLASSIFICATION 49

QUAD SCALE QUAD NO DR NAME

1: 62500 GDLD HILL

LATITUDE LONGITUDE

42-19-35N 123-14-40W

UTM NORTHING UTM EASTING UTM ZONE NO +10

4685841.3 479869.5

TWP 375

RANGE ... 05W

SECTION.. 25

MERIDIAN. WILLAMETTE

COMMODITY INFORMATION COMMODITIES PRESENT AU

PRODUCER(PAST DR PRESENT):

MAJOR PRODUCTS .. AJ STAINED DEPONIETS AS

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COMMODITY SUBTYPES OR USE CATEGORIES:
   1.48 AU:AG
EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
 STATUS OF EXPLOR. OR DEV. 8
DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT
 DEPOSIT TYPES:
   VFIN
 FORM/SHAPE OF DEPOSIT:
 SIZE/DIRECTIONAL DATA
   SIZE OF DEPOSIT ..... SMALL
   MAX LENGTH ..... 300
                                 FT
   MAX WIDTH .... 36
                                 INCHES
   STRIKE OF DREBODY .... NBOW
   DIP OF DREBODY ..... 655
 COMMENTS(DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT):
   TWO VEINS DEVELOPED
DESCRIPTION OF WORKINGS
    LENGTH DF WORKINGS ..... 1200
                                            FT
 COMMENTS (DESCRIP. OF WORKINGS):
   OVER BOOD FEET OF CROSSCUTS, DRIFTS, AND STOPES
PRODUCTION
     YES
     SHALL PRODUCTION
ANNUAL PRODUCTION (ORE, COMMOD., CONC., OVERBURD.)
  ITEM ACC AMOUNT THOUS. UNITS YEAR GRADE REMARKS
 1 ORE SML
                 .391 TONS
 2 AU SML
                                   .141 DZ/T
                   .055 DZ
 3 AG SML .037 DZ
28 DRE, SML .390+ TDNS
                  .037 DZ
                                  .095 DZ/T
                                   1889-1935
                                               0.14 AU. 0.1 AG
PRODUCTION YEARS ..... 1934-1935
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (PRODUCTION) .. USBM
PRODUCTION COMMENTS .... PRE-1914 PRODUCTION MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE.
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