

Waldo Pit

7-6-38
Josephine County

Johnson Placer (gold)

Old Name: Alsen Gulch Placer.

Owner: Joe E. Johnson, Takilma, Oregon.

Location: Eight miles south of Holland as crow flies, on west fork of Althouse Creek in Sec. 9, T. 41 S., R. 7 W. Easiest way to reach the property is to go to Takilma and take the Happy Camp road for a distance of about 7 miles to a sign pointing to Johnson Placer, thence $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles via trail.

History: Althouse Creek was first worked in the fifties. Just when this property was first located there is no record, but it was located and relocated for years until the present owner located it in 1914. He has operated it every year since except for two years.

Area: Four claims - 75 acres - held by location.

General Information: It is 11 miles to Holland by an old road which could be made passable. Elevation 3500 ft. Steep Mountainous Topography. Gulch operation. Maximum 5 ft. of snow. 5 acres mined. No exploration work, plenty of grade and dump room. September to August mining season.

Water Rights: A first priority water right of 1500 miners' inches out of West Fork of Althouse. A 10 c.f.s., or less, ditch 1500 ft. long gives a 150 ft. head. A new ditch is needed and one a mile long would give about 500 ft. head.

Equipment: 3 - No. 2 Giants and 1000 ft. of 8 ft. to 16 inch pipe.

Geology: Greenstone and slate bed rock. Little clay. Lots of boulders some half as big as a car. 10 ft. Maximum thickness of gravel. Gold comes from quartz veins.

Informant: J. E. Morrison.