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Anna Oliver

The **Camp Carson** placer operations, located near the headwaters of the **Grande Ronde** river in **Union** county, through **Anna Oliver** of **Baker**, has applied for more water in order to increase operations. **Harry Howell** is in charge of operations.

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Union County

Anne Oliver, La Grande, has applied for water from Camp Carson reservoirs, tributary to Grande Ronde Lakes and Clear Creek, Union County, for mining purposes.

SPOKANE MEN ACQUIRE CAMP CARSON MINES

**Old Mining Camp Will Be
Re-opened for Large
Scale Work**

HARRY HOWELL TO MANAGE OPERATION

**Reservoirs for Storing the
Flood Waters Planned
to Increase Hydraulic
Operation.**

New life is promised for Camp Carson, a famous old mining camp near the headwaters of the Grande Ronde river in Union county, northwest of Baker.

It became known the first of the week that the Camp Carson properties have been bonded to a group of Spokane people who will carry on operations there this year.

The work will be continued in the large pit opened last year in making a test of the placer gravels. The work will be in charge of Harry Howell, who has operated the mines the past two years. Mr. Howell is an experienced hydraulic miner, who has operated many years in Alaska.

While the work this year will be with the present set-up of ditches and equipment the parties taking over the property have plans for impounding the waters in reservoirs to increase the water for piping and washing the gravel. Surveys have been made which show possibility of storing sufficient water for making Camp Carson the largest hydraulic mining operation in Eastern Oregon.

Little Clear Creek, which is included in the Camp Carson properties, is also included in the contract with the Spokane parties, and they plan to work this with a dragline shovel. Tests that have been made of the ground indicate the ground can be successfully handled in this manner.

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Harry Howell plans to enlarge operations at the **Camp Carson**
hydraulic properties near the head of the **Grande Ronde River.**

Spokane Central. Article March 10, 1933

Harry Howells will have charge of work to be done by **Spokane** interests on the **Camp Carson** gravel properties, located on the **Grande Ronde River**, northwest of **Baker**. It is planned to work a dragline.—Eastern Oregon News.

Camp Carson Old Channel Explored

Harry Howell of La Grande was in Baker Monday making preliminary arrangements for surveys in the vicinity of old Camp Carson placer ground looking toward development of water resources sufficient to mine by hydraulics.

Howell, who is interested with Spokane men in the project has had four men on the ground since early in the year. Last year in a 30-days run with natural water supplies he tested various places to the extent of 1800 yards and says he recovered \$1000. This season, the test run is proving the same results, he indicated.

The operator believes gravel volume at Camp Carson in the old Blue channel is sufficient to run many years on gravel about 20 cents and that it can be done profitably with a sufficient head of water to run six inch giants.

Natural water provides about a five-month season and it is contemplated to increase this with reservoirs to at least a seven-month season. By starting operations in late winter each year even better advantage can be taken of the natural water, Mr. Howell predicts.

He said the concern expects to have about 15 men on the ground, which is directly west of North Powder, by July 15th, and that if possible the development would proceed so that full operations could be expected next season.

Farthest north of all local prospects, Camp Carson is in Union county.

Blue Channel

The **Camp Carson** mine on the Grand Ronde River in Union County northwest of Baker, Oregon, is now in steady production and approximately 3,000 yards of gravel are being washed daily by a four-inch hydraulic giant. The mine is being worked under lease by Harry T. Howell, Baker, Oregon.

