

Burnt River Placers
 (Nellie V. Group - placer)

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NAME			OLD NAMES	PRINCIPAL ORE	MINOR MINERALS
12 S	41 E	2 & 11			
T	R	S			

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker..... COUNTY
 Upper Burnt River..... AREA
 3,300..... ELEVATION
 ROAD OR HIGHWAY
 DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) .. Charles S. Wren, ..

Address .. Rogue River, Oregon.....

OPERATOR

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.
Nellie V. Group (placer)	80 acres		

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers
Lotus Group (placer)

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..... DISTANCE TO
 SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) .. Jack Connors.....

Address . Box 93, . Durkee, . Oregon.....

OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

Lotus Group (placer) 60 acres

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers

Gold

NAME OLD NAMES PRINCIPAL ORE MINOR MINERALS

12S 41E 1-2-3 and part of 4
T R S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

..... Baker COUNTY
..... Upper Burnt River AREA
..... 3300 ELEVATION
..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY
..... 15 miles to Durkee DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) Burke
..... Wren
..... Connors
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Address
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OPERATOR Associated Dredging Co.

..... J.W.A. Hilliard, Durkee, Oregon

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY No. 30 Bay State Dragline, 3/4 yard bucket; Trommel, riffles and mats on floats.

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OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

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Lotus Group (placer) 60 acres

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

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Burnt River Placers
(Nabob Claim - lode)

Asbestos

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12 S 41 E 3
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Baker COUNTY
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 DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) Jack Connors

Address Box 93, Durkee, Oregon

OPERATOR

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.
Nabob Claim (lode)	1 claim		

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers
(Don Jay Group)

Dry Horse Show Placers

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NAME OLD NAMES PRINCIPAL ORE MINOR MINERALS

12 S 41 E 5 & 10
T R S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker COUNTY
Upper Burnt River AREA
5,300 ELEVATION
..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY
..... DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) Jack Conners

Address Box 93, Durkee, Oregon

OPERATOR Conners

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

Don Jay Group 110 acres

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers
 (Burke Estate)

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12 S 41 E 1 & 12
 T R S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker..... COUNTY

Upper Burnt River..... AREA

3,300..... ELEVATION

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY

..... DISTANCE TO
 SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) .. Burke Estate----Hallock, Donald Address ..
 and Banta, Attys, represent-
 atives and also holders of some
 interest in property.

OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

Burke Estate (ranch Land) 320 acres X

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers
 (Burke Estate)

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12 S 41 E 1 & 12
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Burke Estate (ranch Land) 320 acres X

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

Burnt River Placers
 (Alice Group - placer)

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MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) ... Jack Connors.....

Address .. Box 93, Durkee, Oregon.....

OPERATOR

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.
Alice Group (placer)	30 acres		

Name of claims	Area	Pat.	Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

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State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

BURNT RIVER PLACERS

Lower Burnt River District

Baker County

Owners:

Three separate owners, one of which owns several different placer groups, are involved here as follows:

- Jack Connors, Box 93, Durkee, Oregon
- Charles S. Wren, Rogue River, Oregon
- Burke Estate - Hallock, Donald and Banta, Atty's, representatives and also holders of some interest in property.

Location:

On Burnt River below Dark Canyon in sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, T. 12 S., R. 41 E. This includes about 4 miles of river bottom and also what is known as the Dry Horse Shoe which is a large and now abandoned meander of the river.

Area:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Nabob Claim (lode)	1 claim	section 3	Connors
Don Jay Group (placer) (includes Dry Horse Shoe)	110 acres	section 3 and 10	"
Nellie V. Group (placer)	80 acres	section 2 & 11	Wren
Lotus Group (placer)	60 acres	section 2	Connors
Gloria Group (placer)	60 acres	section 1	"
Burke Estate (patented ranch land)	320 acres of which one 40 is on channel	section 1 & 12	Burke Estate
Alice Group (placer)	30 acres	section 1	Connors

The above claims join. Since no one claim owner with the possible exception of Connors and his Don Jay Group, owns enough of the river channel

to permit them to deal with an operator for independent operation, the owners cooperate to act as a team in offering their properties for sale.

History:

Small scale work from bars and pits and drifts has been done on all of these claims with most of this work being on the Dry Horse Shoe portion of Connors' Don Jay Group. No large scale mechanized operation has ever been carried on here, or for that matter elsewhere on the river proper in this general area.

In 1944 a Mr. Zichosch conducted a fairly extensive prospect test program on these claims. Satisfactory results were reportedly obtained and Zichosch went ahead with his plans to purchase the property, but was taken ill on the ground and died. Later, Mr. Hilliard of the Associated Dredging Company set up a small dragline and washing plant but discontinued operations after a very short time when it was found that their shovel was (3/4 yard capacity) inadequate to handle the ground. Mr. Hilliard told the writer personally that the ground appeared satisfactory as far as values went and that he hoped to be able to obtain a larger shovel and resume operations there in conjunction with his present set-up on Vincent Creek. The only other attempted mechanized placer operation on the river was three or four miles above these claims in about 1937 or 1938. No record of this operation is at hand, but reportedly a corporation with a Mr. Angel of Seattle (deceased) in charge, operated off and on with small equipment, and finally installed a floating washing plant which capsized and sank before much ground had been moved. The property has been inactive since.

Geology:

The Burnt River Schist formation constitutes the exclusive bedrock formation of the river in the area covered by these claims. Limestone lenses occur in this formation. The workings on the Dry Horse Shoe portion of the Connors claims were not inspected as Mr. Connors was just leaving for an appointment at the time this visit was made, but these consist chiefly of pits, inclines and tunnels, driven into the gravel of the old river channel which is but a few feet higher than the present river level.

No other workings are open for inspection. The bedrock in the river channel proper is said to be 15 to 18 feet deep, with local potholes (or a possible deep channel) of about 30 feet existing. The river channel is narrow and with steep sides. The width of channel gravel that might be covered with talus and slide material is unknown. Gold is coarse and about 870 fine.

General Information:

The property is connected by a good gravelled road to Durkee, about 15 miles distant. The elevation is about 3,300 feet and climatic conditions should not prove any serious obstacle to year round operations.

Economics:

Bars and high level terraces were worked along the river here during the early days of Oregon mining. What this production amounted to is not fully known but at least bars of considerable merit reportedly existed. Of note is the German Bar which was situated in the area embraced by these claims. Of note also is the continued small-scale mining up to the present day. Although only incomplete records of this production are available, several of the workings on the Dry Horse Shoe are open for inspection and can be sampled with a minimum of effort.