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GENERAL CLAIMS GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION: *The claims are identified as follows: K+number = Klamath River; UK+number = Upper Klamath River; SA+number = Salmon River, Main Stem; SAN+number = Salmon River, North Fork; S+number = Scott River; T+number = Thompson Creek; I+number = Indian Creek; E+number = Elk Creek. This list of claims goes along with published map(s) which show the general location of each claim in the Klamath National Forest. These descriptions will give you more specific information on claim and boundary locations, and the claims are well posted on site. This information is linked directly to maps and images on our web site at www.goldgold.com.*

UNDERWATER MINING ON NEW 49'ER PROPERTIES: *Underwater mining without the use of a "dredge" within active waterways is allowed on all our properties in California. This includes underwater crevicing.*

Upper Klamath River Claims

These claims are situated a distance upstream from where Interstate 5 crosses the Klamath River. There are basically two ways to gain access to the claims: One is by exiting Interstate 5 at exit #786, which is where the Colliers Rest Stop is located, and where Interstate 5 crosses the Klamath River. The other is to exit Interstate 5 at exit #789, which is the next I-5 exit to the north. From there, you can drive east several miles and connect with Klamathon Road.

Klamathon Road is a dirt road that follows along the Klamath River, starting where Interstate 5 crosses the Klamath River at exit #786 (There is no sign there calling it "Klamathon Road" at the lower end), and ending at Ager Road around 6 miles upriver. Access to the Club's UK claims will almost entirely be accomplished from Klamathon Road. The Klamathon Road is almost entirely unpaved, and there are some narrow places towards the lower end. Four-wheel drives are not necessary.

There are some places to park and camp along these UK properties, but please be careful to not block or inhibit traffic along the Klamathon Road or pre-established river access routes. For the future of our activity, it is important to be considerate of others who are actively using the road and river in this area!!

UK-3 HEADWATERS CLAIM—The lower boundary of this claim is located around 8/10ths of a mile up Klamathon Road. Look for our Club signs to begin several hundred feet upstream from the old miners cabin. The upper boundary is posted on a tree 1.5 miles up Klamathon Road, near telephone pole #48. There is a pretty good river access point, some parking, and a little camping near the two old houses just upriver. The houses and fenced-in property is posted as a "National Heritage Site" by the federal government, so please do not use any metal detectors (or even make them visible) in or around that area.

PROSPECTS: *This section of the river has an exceptional amount of fine and flake gold in a shallow flood layer, on top of an older layer of cemented gravel. We recently did a Dredging Project near the upper boundary and recovered 4 ounces of gold in just several days of dredging. Several other members have been doing well dredging along the Klamathon Road side of the river and out towards the middle, with at least one member recovering as much as ¾-ounce of gold per day. Most of the claim has yet to be sampled. One sample hole on the Interstate 5 side of the river appears to show that the gold is also over there. Some small nuggets have been recovered. Look for the hard-packed gray layer either on bedrock or on top of a very hard layer of cemented gravel. It appears that the gold is some-what evenly disbursed through he hard-packed gray material – and that the more of it you process, the more gold you recover.*

UK-3A KLAMATHON CROSSING CLAIM— This property adjoins UK-3 at the lower-end. The upper boundary adjoins private property. Watch for our boundary sign on a tree next to Klamathon Road, near the fence which marks the private property (look for the sign which says "Tres Amigos").

PROSPECTS: *The prospects for high-grade gold deposits to be present on UK-3A are excellent. This is because all or most of the gold which Club members have been recovering from the other UK properties during the past 2 years has washed downriver*

directly across UK-3A. As high-grade gold deposits exist throughout the several-mile stretch of river just downstream, it is a near certainty that they will also exist on this new property.

Recent large winter storms have made fresh cuts into original streambed along the edges of the river on this property. This indicates that the old-time miners overlooked the area, as they did along our other UK properties just downstream, where nearly the entire bottom of the river is virgin of earlier mining activity.

Aggressive sampling will be necessary to locate the rich gold deposits, because this stretch of river does not include any significant directional changes to help concentrate the main gold path along one side of the river or the other. There is a nice natural riffle (short section of faster water) at the top end of the property which should help create some pay-streaks.

UK-4 “24-BAR” CLAIM—The lower boundary of this claim is located at mile marker 102.5 on Highway 96. Route 263 is the road which follows the Shasta River to Yreka. The upper boundary of UK-4 is located a half-mile downstream from where Route 263 meets Highway 96. Watch for the Club’s boundary signs posted on trees alongside Highway 96. There is a river access area towards the lower end of the claim.

CAMPING: While there is some room for some camping at the river access area, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) enforces a two week camping limit at this location. Please be very careful to not block or inhibit the use by others of this river access. It is a popular rafting launch and fishing area for local residents.

PROSPECTS: *This is historically one of the richest sections of the Klamath River. Pan-tests along the high water mark are showing consistent color. There is some incredible-looking bedrock (Rapids image) out in the river! Just so you know, this new claim is only about a mile upstream from where Dave McCracken dredged up a 15.5 ounce gold nugget and recovered 24 ounces of gold on a single day! We have been watching this claim for many years. Now we have it! Several members (Pan of gold image) have begun dredge-testing (Close of gold) on the claim and have been turning up fines, flakes and small nuggets out of a hard-packed natural streambed which is on bedrock, and sometimes on a cemented layer of older streambed (false bedrock). There is excellent potential on this claim!*

Klamath River Claims

Note: One of the easiest ways to locate the claim locations along the Klamath River, is to watch for the consecutively-numbered Highway mile marker signs, which are white posts about every 1/10th of a mile going in each direction along HWY 96. The following descriptions tell you which mile marker numbers to look for.

K-1 HUMBUG TAILING CLAIM—is located approximately 2 miles downriver from the Forest Service *Tree of Heaven* campground, which is located directly across from the Klamath River’s confluence with Humbug Creek. This is a short claim with both boundaries clearly posted on trees. The upper-claim boundary (mile marker 97.27) butts up against the downriver boundary of the LDMA patented mining claim. The lower boundary can be found at mile marker 97.11. There is camping at this location--which is limited to two weeks.

PROSPECTS: *This section of the river has an exceptional mining history. Members have been dredging off the road-side of the river using 4-inch dredges and having substantial success in fine and flake gold – and even nuggets. You can see the cobble piles where some dredging has taken place out in the river. Not much has been done out towards the middle of the river, yet. Some surface prospecting has been done out of the water, and members say they did pretty good. The Club sponsored a Group Dredging Project along K-1 and found some pretty good gold. Look for the gold along the bottom of a hard-packed flood layer near the surface, which is sitting on top of loose old bucket-line dredge tailings. Some flakes and nuggets have also been found along the far side off the bedrock.*

K-2 SKEAHAN BAR CLAIMS—are located three miles downriver from the Forest Service *Tree of Heaven* campground. Boundaries are clearly marked on trees alongside the highway (upper boundary at mile marker 96.00, and lower boundary at mile marker 95.49). Skeahan Bar is also a Forest Service developed river access (mile marker 95.59) location. Camping is available at this location--limited to two weeks.

PROSPECTS: *This section of river has a proven rich mining history.*

K-2A GOTTVILLE MINING CLAIM - Location: This property is located around 4 miles upstream from the community of Klamath River. The upper boundary sign is posted on a tree near mile marker 92:33. The lower boundary sign is posted on a tree near mile marker 91:83. You can get onto this claim using Google Earth by using the following coordinates: **41 51'31.3"N 122 45'1.5"W**
Access: There is a really nice developed USFS river access which can be found at mile marker 92:14. A high-quality, toilet facility exists there, along with a special disabled parking location. There is even a special sidewalk to allow disabled persons more-easy access to the river. As other river users make use of this developed access, we will please need to be very mindful to not block the access with our own activity. By this, we mean we will not be doing any camping down on the river access, and any parking must be accomplished in such a way as to not block access to others who will want to get in there with boat trailers and turn around.

There is also some pretty good access on the far side of the river. The best way to get over there is to drive downriver on Highway-96 to the Walker Road Bridge (at mile marker 84:04), turn left, and drive about 7 miles upriver on a pretty good road which exists on the far side of the river. We have our claim boundaries posted over there, as well.

Camping: There is a limited-sized camping area on the Highway-96 side of the river towards the top-end of the claim. There is a larger camping area at the river access area on the other side of the river. It would be smart to look at either one of these before deciding to drive RV's down into them (to make sure you can get back out of there!). By the way, there is developed fresh water on the claim flowing from a spring on the far side of the river.

Perhaps the best camping available is located on K-2 at Skeahan Bar, which is located just three miles upriver. Skeahan Bar provides an extensive camping area. It is also a really good place to mine!

PROSPECTS: *This section of river has perhaps the most proven rich mining history of all our mining properties. It is well established that one of the best ways to establish rich gold deposits today is to go to the exact areas where the old-timers found them. To see where the old-timers struck it rich, just look for where they left the large rock piles behind. You will find more huge old rock piles in the Gottville Mining District, than anywhere else along the Klamath River. There are a bunch of them on this claim!*

When looking at these single, stand-alone rock piles, it is important to understand what they are. Most of them were not formed off the backside of some massive gold recovery systems. In other words, they are not actually "tailings." The huge single piles, as we see them on this new claim, were mostly associated with large, mechanized derricks. These were used to drag buckets of material and boulders out of large hand-excavations that were being dug out in the river - or sometimes in the bars alongside the river. To get a better understanding of this, please read about "Wing dams & Derrick Piles" on our web site at:

<http://www.goldgold.com/stories/wingdams-derrickpiles.htm>

There is some fantastic river-diversity on this claim - nice river bends, some slow water areas and at least four natural riffles (rapids) which will have contributed nicely to forming well-developed gold paths and pay-streaks in the river and on the banks. While we have reports of nice gold coming out of the piles, there should be good potential in the dry streambeds alongside of the river, too.

Based upon a sampling report authored by several experienced members who tested the property before we bought it, there should be some, for lack of an easier term, "recreational" excellent dredging opportunity within a re-deposited pay-layer that is close to the surface of the river-bottom. By "recreational," we mean perhaps the pay-dirt can be reached with smaller-sized dredges or members who are not able to invest substantial time and/or physical effort (we all have our personal limitations).

There is going to be some very serious, commercial dredging opportunity for those members who possess the experience and resources to access the remaining original streambed at the bottom of the river. There will be some rich gold deposits on this claim!

K-3 MORE GOTTVILLE CLAIMS—are located 2 miles upriver from the town of Klamath River. The claims can be accessed from either side of the river. To reach the far side, cross the Walker Creek Bridge, which is located 3-1/2 miles downriver from the town of Klamath River, and turn left on Walker Creek Road (which is gravel, but maintained). The downriver boundary (mile marker 89.68) of the claim is posted on a tree alongside the road. The upriver boundary of the claim is posted on a tree alongside Highway 96 near mile marker 90.51. There is some private property, with one house, between the river and Highway 96 about midway along the claim. Please allow the owners some space and privacy. The claim is about a mile long. Camping is available on the far side of the river--limited to two weeks.

PROSPECTS: *This claim is located in the Gottville Mining District, which was historically one of the richest sections of the Klamath River.*

K-4 OAK BAR CLAIMS—are located three miles downriver from the old Oak Knoll Ranger Station. The upper boundary is located at mile marker 79.61, and the lower boundary is located at mile marker 79.33. Boundary signs are well posted on trees, not far down river from Kohl Creek. The claim is approximately a half-mile long. Access is reasonably easy.

PROSPECTS: *The upper boundary butts up to the Oak Bar private property—which has a very rich history of placer gold mining.*

K-5 TEN SPOT CLAIM—The upper boundary is located at mile marker 79.00, and the lower boundary is located at mile marker 78.65. The boundary signs are well posted on trees alongside Highway 96. Access is reasonably easy.

PROSPECTS: *This claim is located just upriver from our Brown Bear claims (K-6) which are producing very well, so the prospects are promising.*

K-6 BROWN BEAR CLAIMS—are located six miles up the Klamath from its confluence with the Scott River. The claim is located 1/2 mile upriver from the Walker Creek Bridge—which is where Highway 96 crosses the Klamath River. This bridge is about a mile upriver from Horse Creek. The upriver claim boundary is marked on a tree down the hillside from Highway 96 at mile marker 78.50. The downriver boundary (mile marker 77.86) is also well posted on a tree along Highway 96, across from the Klamath River Elementary School—which is visible from the highway. There is a developed river access (mile marker 77.97) and campground toward the upper end of the claim. Look for the USFS access sign along the road. The far side of the river can also be accessed by driving along Walker Creek Road, which is located just downriver from the Walker Creek Bridge. There is some private property on the far side of the river between Walker Creek Road and the river—watch for signs. Access is relatively easy from the Highway 96-side. The Forest Service restricts Club camping in this campground to a 2-week limit.

PROSPECTS: *This claim has been producing good gold deposits for suction dredgers in relatively shallow gravel, on both sides of the river and the center. Most of the activity so far has been in and around the rapids located just down from the campground. For the most part, the claim has not yet been sampled and mined. The Club sponsored a Group Dredging Project on K-6, and recovered around several ounces of gold in around 5 days of work. You can read about the adventure at <http://www.goldgold.com/newsletter0407.htm>.*

K-6A HORSECREEK CLAIM - is located approximately 1 1/2 miles downstream from the suspension bridge at Horse Creek. Both the upper and lower boundary signs are posted near trees along Highway 96 (lower is approximately 200 feet upstream from mile marker 75.00). There are some trails which provide access to the river.

PROSPECTS: *Horse Creek had a rich history. The claim is located in a very proven section of the Klamath River.*

K-7 KINSMAN CREEK CLAIMS—are located at the confluence of Kinsman Creek, which is two miles up the Klamath from its confluence with the Scott River. Kinsman Creek is not marked with an official sign, but it is a visible creek which enters the Klamath from the Highway 96-side. The upper boundary (near mile marker 74.00) butts up to posted private property at the lower end of the first gravel bar upstream from Kinsman Creek. The lower boundary (near mile marker 73.60) is clearly posted on a tree alongside the highway. Access to the river is reasonably easy.

PROSPECTS: *Members have been doing really well dredging on this claim at the top end, in and around the river bend, and at the lower end. So far, very little work has been done in-between. There is a lot of fine gold throughout all the streambed material on these claims. The highest-grade deposit we know of was recovered off the top of a cemented gravel layer near the bedrock towards the upper end of the claim. There are nuggets. The Club sponsored a Group Dredging Project on K-7, and recovered around 7 ounces of gold in around 5 days of work. You can read about the adventure at <http://www.goldgold.com/newsletter0309.htm>.*

K-8 MILL CREEK CLAIMS—The upriver boundary (mile marker 68.13) is located about three miles down the Klamath from its confluence with the Scott River. The boundary is posted next to fenced private property several hundred feet upriver from the confluence with Mill Creek (mile marker 68.13). There is a short access road to the upper end of the claim, which the private property owner also uses to reach his private property. The lower boundary (mile marker 67.75) is located about 1/2 mile downriver on a dead tree between the road and the river. There is a small camping area alongside the highway near Mill Creek--which is limited to two weeks.

PROSPECTS: *Some members have dredged fines and flakes on the road-side of this claim. Independent dredgers have done well just upriver, on the highway side. This is the lower-end of the Hamburg Mining District—which has a very rich history.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Between June 15 and October 15, there will be no dredging within 500 feet of the mouth of Mill Creek.

K-9 NEGRO CREEK CLAIMS—The upriver boundary (mile marker 67.28) is located 4 miles down the Klamath from its confluence with the Scott River, just downriver from the cable car which extends across the Klamath River. There is a small campground located just down river from the upper end of the claim on a short side-road between Highway 96 and the river. The access road to the camping may require a little brushing to make it passable. The lower boundary (mile marker 66.65) is located several hundred yards upriver from Negro Creek—which comes in from the far side of the river. There is private property between Highway 96 and Klamath, toward the downriver end of the claim, so access must be accomplished from further upstream.

PROSPECTS: *Several members have been dredging a good gold deposit on the far bank of the river toward the lower end of the claim. This section of river carried rich gold deposits during the earlier days of mining. There are substantial old mine workings on the far bank, and Negro Creek had a good history. Also, commercial dredgers have located a rich deposit in the river, on the private property located just downriver from this claim.*

K-10 O'NEIL CREEK CLAIMS—are located at the confluence of O'Neil Creek, which is 8 miles upriver from where Seiad Creek is crossed by Highway 96. At mile marker 65.38, there is a Forest Service developed fee-campground (sometimes closed) a short distance up O'Neil Creek which allows a two-week stay. We have a river access road (mile marker 65.50) just upriver from O'Neil Creek. The road is narrow and bumpy and we recommend you look first, before driving down there. Our upriver boundary (mile marker 65.60) is located just upriver from the river access. Directly downriver from O'Neil Creek, there is a pull-off from Highway 96 which acts as a parking area. It is directly in front of an old road, closed off by a gate. Across Highway 96 (at mile marker 65.37) from this parking area, you will find a trail which leads down to the claim along the river. While following the trail, you will notice a sudden right turn—which detours the trail around a parcel of private property. The private property is well marked, with the owner particular about maintaining his privacy. The downriver boundary of the claim is marked by a large sign on a tree on the far side of the river.

PROSPECTS: *This claim has proven very rich during the past several years. Gravel is generally shallow to bedrock or false bedrock (very hard-packed layer). The claim has produced well from top to bottom, for dredging and mining outside of the river. Both sides of the river, and the middle, pay well. There is a false bedrock layer, generally about 2 feet deep into the gravel, which consistently pays well. If it is not paying on this layer, it means someone else got there first. A good portion of the far bank, and most of the center of the river, has not yet been prospected or mined. Therefore, the prospects look very good.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Between June 15 and October 15, there will be no dredging within 500 feet of the mouth of O'Neil Creek at K-10, except that dredging is allowed below the major rapids that are downstream of the mouth.

K-11 SCHUTTS GULCH CLAIMS—The downriver boundary (mile marker 63.58) is located about 3 miles upriver from where Highway 96 crosses Seiad Creek. It is located directly at the confluence of Schutt's Gulch—which enters from the far side of the river. A lower boundary sign is on a post near the highway, directly across from Schutts Gulch. The upriver boundary (mile marker 64.73) is located about 1.5 miles upriver, adjoining private property where you will see the first home between Highway 96 and the river. The upriver boundary is posted on a tree alongside the highway. There is a USFS river access area (with toilet during the summer months) named "Rocky Point" at mile marker 64.46 toward the upper end of the claim. Please don't block the river access or chemical toilet! Use of the far-side camping area requires members or guests to provide your own porta-potty to meet sanitary requirements. The far side of the river, with a large campground (no extended camping permitted—two week limit) can be accessed from Ladd Road in Seiad Valley, just upriver from the bridge where Highway 96 crosses the river. This road gets pretty rough, and takes 20 minutes or longer to traverse to access the far side of this claim. We suggest you look the road over once before deciding to pull any trailer to the camp-area on the other side.

PROSPECTS: *This claim has been a substantial producer of gold for our members, from top to bottom. River gravels are generally shallow to bedrock or false bedrock. Nuggets and jewelry gold have been reported. The far side, upper area has been one of the Club's best producers for mining out of the water. Look for gold in the top 6 to 8 inches of gravel. Most of the claim has yet to be tested.*

K-12 UPPER SEIAD CLAIMS—are located 1.2 miles upriver from where Highway 96 crosses Seiad Creek. The Highway 96 bridge across the Klamath River is the lower boundary. The Highway 96 bridge across the Klamath River serves as the lower boundary of this claim. Access to the upper half is blocked by some private property between the river access and Highway 96, and the owners are fond of their privacy. Therefore, access up that way must be done either from further downriver, or from Ladd Road in Seiad Valley, just upriver from the bridge where Highway 96 crosses the river.

PROSPECTS: *We have very little information about how members have done on this claim. However, the prospects look promising because rich gold deposits have been dredged from the river during recent years from the claims located just up and down river.*

K-13 AND K-14 LOWER SEIAD & PORTUGUESE CREEK CLAIMS—are located just upriver from the confluence of Portuguese Creek—which is approximately 3 miles downriver from where Highway 96 crosses Seiad Creek. Boundary signs posted on trees mark the downriver (mile marker 57.14) claim boundary. The upriver claim boundary (mile marker 59.14) is posted on a tree around 2 miles upriver. There is a river access on the claim named "Sluice Box", with a small campground, just downriver from Seiad Valley. Camping is available to members on the gravel bar area toward the upper end of this claim.

PROSPECTS: *These claims have been very good gold producers for members of our Club. Much of the gravel is reasonably shallow to bedrock. Lots of nuggets and jewelry gold have been recovered off the property, from the top end, to the bottom, mostly off the far side of the river. Fine and flake gold seems to concentrate towards the road-side of the river. Most of the claim has yet to be adequately tested. The gravel bars on the far side of the river provide some of the Club's best surface mining opportunities.*

K-15A MEGA HOLE—The Mega Hole claims are quite long, the upriver boundary being located on a tree between the river and Hwy 96 near mile marker 55.62, about a ¼-mile below Fort Goff Creek — which is located about four miles upriver from Thompson Creek. The downriver boundary butts up against the Upper Glory Hole claims (K-15 at lower-Savage Rapids). Fort Goff Creek is easy to find, because there is a developed rest area at that location. There are also a few parcels of private property between Highway 96 and the river, toward the lower end of the Mega Hole claim. These parcels are posted. Otherwise, there is good access to most of the Mega Hole. The lowest parcel of private property, just above the Glory Hole, is a developed garden with a fence around it. That parcel extends 20 feet out into the river. Otherwise, most of the river is included along our mining claim. Longer-term camping areas for members are located on both sides of the highway, near Savage Rapids (mile marker 55.13), including on the large highway pull-off.

PROSPECTS: *The Mega Hole has been one of the Club's richest mining properties, with members recovering (estimated) hundreds of ounces of gold during recent years. The portion between Fort Goff and Savage Rapids is relatively untouched, except for the area located directly in front of the campground. You have to be careful at the upper end to avoid conflicts with the people who live there having some corners of private property extending out into the river. Much of the lower portion of the Mega Hole has been dredged, although there are areas that were missed. The surface gold (out of the water) is excellent on both sides of the river, with nugget-sized gold being recovered off the Highway-96 side. Bedrock can be shallow to deep, depending on where you go. The upriver end of the claim still shows excellent potential for dredging since it has not yet been adequately tested.*

K-15 GLORY HOLE CLAIMS—The downriver boundary is located one mile upriver from the confluence of Thompson Creek. Tim's Creek (mile marker 53.17) is the lower boundary of the Glory Hole Claims. The upper end of the Glory Hole Claim (mile marker 54.17) is located approximately one mile further upriver from Tim's Creek, and adjoins the private property where the fenced garden is located between Highway 96 and the river. This fence marks the upper boundary of the Glory Hole, along with our boundary sign posted on a tree. K-15A (Mega-Hole) extends upriver from there. There are numerous developed paths and trails

leading from Highway 96 into the Glory Hole Claims. All vehicle access to the claim is blocked by private property, although the access road to the upper end of the claim is open.

PROSPECTS: *This is one of the richest claims owned by the Club, and has provided (estimated) hundreds of ounces of gold to members during past years. Much of the river has been dredged on these claims, and a large portion of the bank on the Highway 96-side of the river has been mined. The far bank remains relatively undisturbed because access requires a boat. Bedrock, or false bedrock, is generally shallow on these claims. A good portion of the lower claims has not been dredged yet. Therefore, it is likely that rich deposits still remain in place for the finding, both in the river, and all along the far bank. The rapids along the center of the claim have yet to be cleaned out, and offer excellent potential for experienced members.*

K-16 ANDERSON CAMPGROUND CLAIMS—Located approximately 11 miles upriver from Happy Camp on Highway 96. The upriver boundary (mile marker 52.50) is located just downriver from the confluence of Thompson Creek. Look for the large piece of bedrock jutting up out in the river on the Hwy 96-side of the river. There is a "Private Property" sign hanging in some brush there alongside of the river. The downriver boundary (mile marker 51.85) is posted on a tree alongside the road, just downriver from the lower access to our campground. The campground (long-term) is located between Highway 96 and the Klamath River, 1/4 mile downriver from Thompson Creek near mile marker 52.28. Look for a "No Hunting" sign at the beginning of the road that leads into the campground off Hwy 96 towards the river. This is a popular camping area. There are several parcels of private property located between Highway 96 and the river, between Thompson Creek and our campground—but most of the private property does not come near the Klamath River. There is one small piece of private property that extends out about to the center of the river, directly at the confluence of Thompson Creek. The primary access to this claim is from the campground river access points.

PROSPECTS: *This is a very rich section of the Klamath River, with hundreds of ounces of gold having been recovered by members during the past several years—mostly by dredging. There are nice nuggets being recovered from the road-side of the river downstream from Thompson Creek. Water and gravel depth ranges from shallow to deep, depending on where you go. Gravel tends to be shallow on both banks on the upper half of the claim, while deep in the middle. Only about 1/3 of the claim has been mined by members, if that, and good potential is present for new, rich strikes to be made. There is excellent panning and high-banking opportunity on the Highway-96 side of the river, from the bottom to the top-end of the claim. If you look towards the upper-end of the property, you will see that they are at least 3 separate levels of streambed up out of the water that deserve testing.*

K-17 SEATTLE CREEK CANYON CLAIM--The downriver boundary (mile marker 49.12) is located 7.3 miles upriver on Highway 96 from Davis Road in Happy Camp. A sign is posted on a tree alongside the road. The upper boundary (mile marker 51.00) is located 2 miles further upriver, near the confluence of Seattle Creek. There is a developed river access (mile marker 51.00) at Seattle Creek, where we have a small campground. The Forest Service asks that we do not block the river access in any way, since it is a popular put-in and take-out location for other river users.

PROSPECTS: *This is a very proven gold-rich section of the Klamath River, with hundreds of ounces of gold having been recovered by Club members during the past several years. Much of this section of the river has yet to be tested. Some of it is pretty deep, both in water and gravel. There is excellent gold panning, mossing and surface mining on both banks of the river. The far bank has barely been touched by modern mining activity because access requires a boat. Trails and paths have been made from Highway-96 to the river in multiple locations along the 2-mile stretch of claims. Some members have transitioned from recreational to commercial status as a result of the gold they recovered from these claims. Prospects for new discoveries are very good.*

K-17A CHINA POINT CLAIM – The upper boundary of this property can be located by driving upriver from Davis Road in Happy Camp on Highway 96 a distance of 5.75 miles to China Point Road. (Note: The USFS gate to this road is now locked because of a large slide which occurred during 2016) You can follow China Point Road directly to the river where there is plenty of room for parking and short term camping. Having said that, there are several difficult hairpin turns and rather steep areas along the road, so you should drive down for a look before deciding to pull a trailer or drive an RV down there. The upriver claim boundary is located near the bottom of the large gravel bar that China Creek Road leads to. The downriver boundary is located approximately 2.3 miles downriver.

With the exception of USFS Road #16N01 which reaches the property on the other side of the river, this is an entirely remote section of the Klamath River. To reach USFS Road #16N01 from Happy Camp, you drive .7 miles downriver from Davis Road on Highway 96 to where Elk Creek Road veers off to the left and crosses the bridge over the Klamath River. Just after crossing the bridge, you take a left on China Grade Road and follow it 8.1 miles to where you will find USFS road number 16N01 on the left side. The Forest Service has seasonal closures on the many roads in our area, which includes 16N01. The gates to these roads are normally opened by the Forest Service (USFS) from April 1st to November 15th unless there are circumstances such as late heavy rains or snow that would prevent them from unlocking the gates.

Some areas on the road are steep, so we strongly recommend 4X4 vehicles, especially when the surface is wet. Travel trailers are off limits on this road! Please be extra careful to not tear up the road! This road extends 2.3 miles down to a huge gravel bar near the top of the claim. There is plenty of room down there for parking and tent camping. You will find signs of historical large scale mining in this area. Therefore, modern day prospects are likely to be further away from the river where the gravel bar meets the sloping bedrock. Pan samples there have turned up gold out of the exposed bedrock cracks, and the advanced sampling team was excited about trying out our new form of gravity mining and some booming in the areas where the old-timers left off.

This stretch of river is mostly a remote canyon that does not include dangerous rapids. Our advanced sampling team voyaged through by rubber raft and described the area as so remote; it reminded them of something out of the movie, Jurassic Park. Our initial impression is that the stretch is going to be ideal for crevice mining and suction dredging.

Our initial impression is that the best way to gain full access to this claim is by launching a raft or small boat from China Point River Access and then getting picked up later in the day (or week) at the river access on our Gordon's Ferry Claim (K-18). The distance between the two points is just a little more than 3 beautiful miles. With the exception of a 1-mile stretch of private property (see maps), we have mineral access to the entire stretch. The floating distance is short enough that you could make day trips in and out of your mining site. Or, this would be a fantastic area to do some remote camping along the river. There are just a very few long, remote stretches of the gold-bearing Klamath river that are not blocked by dangerous white water. In fact, this may be the only one. So we are very lucky to have it!

PROSPECTS: *This portion of the river has a very rich mining history. Though, because of remote access, we suggest almost no prospecting has taken place in this area during the modern age. Shortly before the dredge moratorium took effect in California, several of our members devoted about a month of dredging directly at the top end of this property. They were bringing their gold into the office for us to see; and the golden treasure they recovered, consisting of mostly large flakes and nuggets, took our breaths away! This is a very proven, rich section of the Klamath River, with gold mining history going back to the very early days. Members have done exceptionally well both in and alongside the river on our Gordon's Ferry Claim just downriver.*

K-18 GORDON'S FERRY CLAIM—Located by driving upriver from Happy Camp on Highway 96 a distance of 2.3 miles to Gordon's Ferry Road (mile marker 44.25) from Davis Road. Follow Gordon's Ferry road, watching for signs that will direct you to the river access on our claim. The road turns to gravel and branches off to driveways for different private properties. Stay on the main road. Eventually, the road splits, with Club claim signs pointing in both directions. The right-hand road is not maintained and does not go to the river. But there is some limited camping there. It is suggested you walk in and look before driving in there. The left-hand road leads to a USFS developed river access. We have a campground at this location, which may require some brushing. The upriver claim boundary is located approximately a half-mile upriver from the developed river access. The downriver boundary is located approximately half a mile downriver and has a boundary sign posted on a tree. Private property is located on the far bank, but there is some limited access from that side.

PROSPECTS: *This is a very proven, rich section of the Klamath River, with gold mining history going back to the very early days. A large amount of gold has been recovered by members all over this claim on both sides of the river and in the middle. Members have recently been working a significant underwater dredge deposit on the far bank across from the developed river access, upstream from the first set of rapids. The lower-end of the claim has not been adequately tested, but should contain rich deposits, since rich deposits have also been located on the adjoining claim just down river. Bedrock can be shallow or deep, depending upon where you go on the claim. There is potential good high-banking ground towards the lower-end of the property near the river, and there is an extensive old hydraulic mining area where electronic prospecting might be productive.*

K-19 MORGAN POINT CLAIMS—Located 5 miles upriver on China Grade Road from the Klamath River Bridge, just below Happy Camp. China Grade Road is on the opposite side of the Klamath River from Highway 96. You find it by crossing the Klamath River Bridge, just upriver from the confluence of Indian Creek, and turning left. Our river access and small campground is located at around the 5.1-mile distance. The upriver claim boundary and access is 1/10 of a mile further upstream. The lower boundary marker is on a tree alongside the road near the 5.0 mile marker along-side the road. Private property is located on the far side of the river, so access is available only from China Grade Road.

PROSPECTS: *Bedrock is showing all over the claim, so can be found also very shallow in the gravels. We have very little information about what members have done here. However, the claim just upriver provided excellent gold deposits to dredgers, with many ounces recovered.*

K-19A LOWER WOODS BAR CLAIM--- This claim begins just upstream from the Richardson Bedrock Mine (just upstream from Happy Camp), and follows the river all the way and connects with our Morgan Point claim at K-19. There is private property between Highway 96 and this claim; so access can either be with the use of a boat from Happy Camp, or from a primitive river road access near the bottom of the claim on China Grade Road (on the other side of the river). You get to China Grade Road by driving down through Happy Camp and crossing the Klamath on the bridge below town. China Grade Road is just on the other side of the river, going in an upstream direction. The primitive access road (look for our sign on a tree 2.4 miles up China Grade Road) extends down near the river towards the lower-end of the claim. There is some limited camping down on the old access road.

IMPORTANT: All of the property on both sides of the river is private property except for the lower-end of this claim on the far side of the river. However, with the exception of a few points of private property which might extend a short distance out into the river, nearly all of the river is U.S. Forest Service land, and is part of our mining claim. Therefore, unless you have prior approval from private property owners, the only access to the upper portions of this claim is with the use of a boat.

PROSPECTS: *Bedrock is showing all over the claim, so should be found also very shallow in the gravels. Several members have been dredging near the lower-end of the claim. The gold deposits should be very good, since the famous Muck-A-Muck hydraulic mine was located all along the inside bend of this claim.*

K-20 RICHARDSON BEDROCK CLAIM—The downriver boundary butts up to our K-21 property behind the old logging mill (private property). The upriver boundary (mile marker 43.53) is 7/10 of a mile upstream at the confluence Cade Creek, which is just downstream from the Klamath River Resort Inn. The far side of the river is private property owned by the local Native American Indian tribe. Access must be made from the Highway-96 side of the river. There is a trail leading to the river from a road pull-off toward the upper end of the claim.

PROSPECTS: *Members have found gold by dredging on the Highway-96 side of the river, toward the channel. Bedrock is shallow on this side of the river and has cracks and irregularities which contain flakes and nuggets. Only a small amount of work has been done. Best results have been obtained near where the exposed bedrock meets the gravel, out towards the river-channel. A few test holes have been dredged towards the far bank, with some recovery of fine gold. More testing needs to be done all over this claim. Several years ago, several members floated their dredges down behind the old logging mill and located a rich patch of beautiful nuggets, some which were quite large, on shallow bedrock in the river there.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Between June 15 and October 15, there will be no dredging within 500 feet of Cade Creek at the upper end of K-20.

K-21 HAPPY CAMP CLAIMS—The upper boundary adjoins our K-20 property just upriver from the old water pumping station for the Stone Forest Mill. The lower boundary adjoins the Club's Curly Jack Claim a short distance downstream from the confluence on Indian Creek. The lower-end of this claim is accessible from both sides of the river, with the exception of a few parcels of private property which are clearly visible. To access the far side of the river, cross the Klamath River Bridge just below Happy Camp and turn left on China Grade road. There is an access road 4/10 of a mile up China Grade Road from the bridge. The access road (may require some brush-cutting) cuts off to the left, just beyond a house. There is a small campground at the end of the road. The claim is also accessible from the Happy Camp Community Park. The upper portion of the claim, for the most part, is difficult to access, because the old mill property is a barrier between the river and Highway 96.

PROSPECTS: *Some dredgers recovered a large volume of gold on the upriver portion of the claim on the Highway-96 side of the river, in shallow gravel. They recovered lots of jewelry gold and large nuggets. A few members did some testing just below, during the early years of the Club. But they gave it up due to the difficult access. Several very rich pay-streaks have been previously discovered in the center of the river near the confluence of Indian Creek.*

K-22 CURLY JACK, CHAMBERS FLAT AND LOWER CANYON CLAIMS—are a very long stretch of claims, adjoining our K-21 property a short distance downstream of confluence of Indian Creek in lower Happy Camp (toilet and river access available here). The upper boundary adjoins the Club's Happy Camp claims at K-21. Since there is private property between Highway 96 and the Klamath River in this area, most members access the upper portion of these claims from Elk Creek road and Curly Jack road on the far side of the river. There is a Forest Service Fee campground on Curly Jack road, and there is also a developed river access down at the confluence of Elk Creek. We ask members to not dredge within 100 feet of the beach at Curly Jack campground. The lower boundary (mile marker 35.95) is located five miles below town, well down into a deep canyon. The sign is posted on a tree alongside Highway 96, across from the short parking pull-off at Doolittle Creek. We have a substantial developed Club campground, with two access roads, located about 1-1/2 miles below Happy Camp on Highway 96. The campground is called "*Chamber's Flat*". Downriver from Chamber's Flat campground, you will notice a few parcels of private property between Highway 96 and the river. The deep canyon begins just downriver from the private property. Some paths and trails have been created to gain access to the canyon areas. On the far side of the river, 4-1/2 miles below town, you will see an old hydraulic mining cut—which has been good for metal detecting.

PROSPECTS: *These claims have been proven to produce rich gold deposits from top to bottom, with members recovering many, many ounces during the past several years. A lot of dredging was done upriver from Curly Jack campground, in and around the rapids, several years ago. The area around the confluence of Elk Creek also received a great deal of attention. There has been some productive dredging activity in and around the upper end of the lower canyon. But for the most part, the remainder of this long stretch of claims has not been prospected or mined—and the prospects are exceptional.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Between June 15 and October 15, there will be no dredging within 500 feet of the mouths of Little Grider or Elk Creeks, or within 500 feet upstream or 1,500 feet downstream of Indian Creek.

K-22A DOOLITTLE RAPIDS – is another extension of a very long stretch of contiguous river claims available to members which now extend over 8 miles to our Richardson Bedrock property a short distance upstream from Happy Camp. The lower boundary is located at Highway 96 mile marker 35.5. This new claim is mostly canyon property where few prospectors have been before. Some primitive paths and trails will allow most people to reach the river, mostly up towards Doolittle Creek.

PROSPECTS: *The claims upstream have produced rich gold deposits from top to bottom, with members recovering many, many ounces over the years. A lot of dredging was done upstream of the canyon several years ago. There has also been some productive dredging activity in and around the lower end of the canyon. There is exposed and shallow bedrock on both sides of the river, creating completely unexplored above and below water crevice mining opportunities. For the most part, this long stretch of river has not been prospected or mined. So the prospects are exceptional.*

K-23AA A & D #3 GOLD CLAIM – This ¾-mile property, about 9.3 miles downstream of Happy Camp, is another area we have had our eyes on for many years, mainly because of the extensive stretches of exposed bedrock and high-banking opportunity on the far side of the river – especially for crevice mining both above and below the water. Look for our upper boundary sign on a tree just

upstream from the large pull-off on the side of Highway 96 -- located 200 feet downstream from mileage marker 34.78. The lower boundary is directly across from U.S. Forest Service Road 15N32. There is a sizable pull-off area along the side of Highway 96 for parking and camping directly on the property. If you are planning to work this property, we suggest bringing a small boat, perhaps with a small motor. The best gold deposits will likely be found on the far side of the river.

PROSPECTS: *This is a rich mining property which has been held in private hands since before we arrived on the Klamath River in 1984. The owners did not allow anyone to mine on the property, save for one old-timer that has been camping in the roadside pull-off, paddling a canoe over the far side of the river, and digging the gold out of exposed bedrock cracks, every summer since at least 1984.*

K-23 WINGATE METAL DETECTING CLAIM—is located 6.8 miles downriver from Happy Camp. There is a big pull-off parking area on the river-side of Highway 96, directly across from Forest Service Road 15N32. Hike or drive 1/5 of a mile up this road to find the trail head (very primitive) on the right side (just to the left of where the phone line stretches across the road). There is room for one or two vehicles to park directly across from the trail head. Follow the trail uphill to locate a large old hydraulic mining area on several different levels. Watch out for poison oak along the trail. The trail requires substantial physical exertion.

PROSPECTS: *Members have had great luck in finding gold nuggets all over the hydraulic area using modern metal detectors. Rumor has it that one member did well up there using a dry-washer, but this is unconfirmed. It is a very large area and it is reasonable to assume that it has not all been covered well with electronic detectors. Therefore, the prospects are good for finding more gold nuggets on this claim.*

K-23A WINGATE RIVER CLAIM—is located on the Klamath River around and downstream from the USFS Wingate Creek River Access (toilet during summer months). The upper (mile marker 33.77) and lower (mile marker 32.83) boundaries are clearly marked with signs alongside Highway 96. Please, no camping at or around the USFS river access point, because of the heavy use of the river access by rafters and boaters. There is some camping up by Highway 96 in the large turnout, just upriver from the river access.

PROSPECTS: *Members have found good gold deposits using small dredges and motorized sluices on the Highway-96 side of the river. Members have also found good gold deposits on the far-side of the river, where large surface-mining areas exist, with lots of bedrock showing.*

K-24 UPPER INDEPENDENCE CLAIM—is located 11 miles downriver from Happy Camp on Highway 96. The upriver claim boundary (mile marker 29.24) is posted on a tree alongside Highway 96. This is located about a quarter of a mile below the Forest Service developed river access Ferry Point. One downriver claim boundary (mile marker 28.20) is located about 60 yards upriver from the Independence Bridge on a tree on the far side of the river. You can usually see the boundary marker from the bridge. For mining purposes, just figure the lower boundary is the bridge which crosses the river. Camping is available at the river access near the bridge. There is a toilet facility at a small rest stop along Highway 96 just upriver from the Independence Bridge. There is a trail that leads onto the far side of the river just over the bridge on the left side.

IMPORTANT: The gravel bar (not the river) on the Hwy 96-side of the river, upstream from the bridge, is all private property (upper boundary of the private property can be found on a red post along side of the road). The owner does not want people crossing the bar without permission. The girls in our office can help you make contact with the owner.

PROSPECTS: *This claim location is another of the richest gold areas we have along the Klamath River. We purchased the claim from a local commercial dredger who spent several seasons working a rich gold deposit toward the upper end of the claim. The deposit was in around 8 feet of gravel in the channel of the river, toward the highway side. Several members have dredge-sampled the far side of the river, and a short distance out into the river, towards the upper end of the claim, with mixed results. Most of the river channel has yet to be tested. Some members have had real good results surface prospecting (out of the water) on the gravel bars located on the far side of the river. This claim has excellent potential, with (estimate) hundreds of ounces of gold being recovered with dredges off the claim just below (K-24A) during recent years.*

K-24A MIDDLE INDEPENDENCE CLAIM – is located between our existing K-24 and K-25 mining properties, about 12 miles downriver from Happy Camp. The upriver claim boundary is about a hundred yards downstream from the confluence of Independence Creek, which is located around 200 yards downstream from the bridge that crosses the river. Look for a very large upcropping of bedrock sticking out through the gravel bar (with some red markings on it). Our upper boundary sign is posted on a tree there. There is a toilet facility at a small rest stop along Highway 96 just upriver from the Independence Bridge. There are also several wide pull-offs along Highway 96 where you can set up camp with an overview of your mining program. The downstream end of this property butts up to our K-25 property at mile marker 27.16. With the exception of a short portion of the river between Independence Creek and the bridge just upstream, we now hold nearly three continuous miles of this very rich stretch of river! From previous experience, we can tell you that the best line of gold for surface mining and underwater crevicing is going to be on the far side of the river (from the road). There is going to be some comparatively easy access towards the upper end. This is because the bridge there will allow you to reach the other side, park your vehicle and walk down. Access to the far side of the river further down this very extensive property will require a boat. There are several slow sections of river that will allow relatively easy crossing (small boat with motor). This is where the original strike was made which brought Dave McCracken over to the Klamath River during 1984.

PROSPECTS: *This is a very rich gold property! The reason is because it contains three separate lines of high-grade gold: (1) Independence Creek has been depositing a steady line of larger, crystalline gold into the river for about a million years. One of Siskiyou County's richest pocket mines is located about a mile up the creek. This gold has more of a crystalline texture to it; it is*

very unique! Over the years, we found a bunch of it on our K-25 property about 1 ½ miles downstream from the mouth of the creek. Some beautiful specimens were found down there! We are predicting that the best is yet to come off the east side of the river on this property. (2) One of Siskiyou County's richest hydraulic mines, "Bunker Hill," directed its tail races into the Klamath River just upstream of this property. We personally have seen others recover 6 and 7-ounce days mining redeposited gold on the lower end of this property. The gold was resting directly on top of the bottom strata of original streambed. We believe that the best is yet to come from redeposited gold in the shallower stretches of river on the upper portion of this property. (3) The original streambed out in the river is rich, rich, rich! Most of it remains in place.

K-25 LOWER INDEPENDENCE CANYON CLAIM—The upriver boundary (mile marker 27.16) sign is posted on a tree alongside Highway 96, located 13.3 miles below Happy Camp—or about a mile downriver from the Independence bridge. The upper boundary is about 200 yards downriver from Crawford Creek, which passes under Highway 96 through a very large culvert. The upper end of this property butts up to our K-24A. The lower boundary is marked along Highway 96 at mile marker 26.29. The claim can be accessed by various paths and trails which have been created along the hillside. There is one old road which extends part way down to the river which some members are using for a trail. This is located in a large Highway 96 pull-off, just upriver from the most upriver private property. The location is marked with a claim sign. Camping can be done on this large pull-off.

PROSPECTS: *This is one of the richest mining properties owned by the Club. Hundreds (estimate) of ounces of gold have been dredged from the claim just above during the past several years. Some members have sampled and mined on the upper end of this claim and found the deposits to be very rich. Surface mining the exposed bedrock is also very good. The problem to overcome is access down the hill.*

K-25AA UKONOM GOLD CLAIM – Located about 16 miles downstream of Happy Camp, this property takes up 1.4 miles of a mostly-remote portion of the Klamath River. It is upstream into the lower portion of the Independence canyon that begins up on our K-25 property. It butts up to our K-25A property downstream at the mouth of Ukonom Creek.

There is a sizable roadside pull-off towards the lower end of the property where you will find an unimproved road (mile marker 25.2) that leads to a hidden parking area with some limited camping. You will find a narrow trail there that leads down to the river just upstream from Ukonom Creek. The trail is a very well defined, but rather steep most of the way down to the river. We have attached a rope to assist with safer passage. If you look around, you will find other trails near the lower end of the property, all of them rather steep and challenging, especially for packing gear. It is an elevation drop of around 100 feet to the river from Highway 96, so we recommend taking it light and easy on your first visit, and bring along some water and a snack. Don't forget to bring along a camera, because the dramatic and remote landscape once you get down on the river might shock you into feelings like you have been transported into a lost world. Not been many people have visited this place!

The upper end of the property is landlocked by private property. Please respect the private property signs on the access roads towards the upper end of the property. The lower end of this property butts up to our K-25A, then to K-25AB, and then to K-25B, allowing us a continuous length of 4.7 miles.

PROSPECTS: *There are signs of historical mining activity up the hillside, and even across on the north side of Highway 96. The panning, crevicing and vack mining opportunities in the exposed bedrock on the bottom end of the property (where the trail leads) provide some of the best small-scale gold recovery you will find anywhere along our properties. We are assuming there is more of the same along the 1.4 mile stretch of river further upstream. We will need to find the old prospecting trails that will certainly lead into those areas. There will unquestionably be extraordinary opportunities for high-grade gold deposits within the active waterway.*

K-25A COON'S CREEK CLAIM--This is the lower portion of the canyon that begins up on K-25. The lower boundary sign (mile marker 23.41) is posted on a tree alongside Highway 96 about 100 yards from the bridge that crosses Swillup Creek. It butts up to our K-25AB property downstream. A short distance upriver is the USFS Coon Creek river access at mile marker 23.85 (toilet during summer months). Because the access receives a lot of use from rafters, the Forest Service has asked us not to park or camp down on the river access road. A camping area does exist on the other side of the river there. There is also a small camping area just downriver from the river access, up into Coon Creek on a short dead-end road (mile marker 23.68). The upper claim boundary (mile marker 24.56) is marked alongside the river across from the confluence of Ukonom Creek – or just up river from the road-side picnic area along Highway 96 (mile marker 24.44).

PROSPECTS: *Gold has been found on the lower end of the claim, with the adjoining claims below Swillup Creek producing rich dredging deposits, as well. Members have been boating up into the canyon from the Coon Creek river access, and doing exceptionally well on the far bank using gold pans and vack-mining equipment. They are finding the gold along the exposed bedrock well up the hillside away from the river.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: between June 15 and October 15, there will be no dredging within 500 feet upstream and 2000 feet down stream from the mouth of Ukonom Creek. This is an inaccessible area (deep canyon) of rapids at the upper end of our K-25A claim. During the same time periods, there is also no dredging within 500 feet of the mouths of Coon and Swillup Creeks.

K-25AB – ELLIOT BAR GOLD CLAIM – This 1.7 mile stretch of Klamath River, approximately twenty miles downstream from Happy Camp, connects our Coons Creek and Cottage Grove Properties. This will now provide us with a continuous stretch of river that is more than 3.3 miles long. The lower boundary of K-25AB butts directly up against our Cottage Grove property at the access road near mile marker 21.93. The upper boundary butts up to the lower end of our Coons Creek property about 100 yards upstream from Swillup Creek near mile marker 23.41.

Important note: The upper portion of the river area on this property is landlocked by private property. Our mining claim takes in the river which flows around the private property (look for the habitation, fences and gate). There is some kind of private fee camping area there that we don't know anything about. You may be able to work something out with the owners. Otherwise, the upper portion of the claim will only be accessible by boat.

PROSPECTS: *Besides the extensive underwater suction mining opportunity remaining on this property, there is also enough surface mining potential on both sides of the river to keep our members busy for the rest of our days. This is a huge property! There are extensive ancient hydraulic workings on the far side of the river which take up the lower half of the property. There may be some really good electronic prospecting opportunity over there!*

K-25B COTTAGE GROVE CLAIMS--- are located 18.5 miles downriver from Happy Camp—or about 2 miles downriver from the Coon Creek river access. This property butts up to our K-25AB property just upriver. Several access roads (located at mile markers 21.68 & 21.93) extend down towards the river from Highway 96, but they were washed out during a recent flood. Look for the upper (mile marker 21.93) and lower (mile marker 21.36) boundaries posted on trees along Highway 96. There is camping down along the access roads and on the gravel bar, but access is more difficult than it used to be.

PROSPECTS: *Here is another very proven section of the Klamath River. Several dredgers hit very rich pay-dirt on K-25AB just upriver. Other members have been doing well suction mining along the edge of the river on the Hwy 96 side. Several members have done considerable dredging up on the gravel bar on the Highway-96 side of the river where a water table allows dredging all summer long – and they have been finding nice nuggets! Considerable metal detecting activity has been done in the old hydraulic workings on the non-river side of Highway 96, with nice nuggets being found there, too. This claim has a lot of potential.*

K-26 Three Creeks Gold Claim--- is located 20.4 miles downriver from Happy Camp, or about a quarter-mile upriver from the USFS Dillon Creek Campground. The property takes in just under a half-mile of the Klamath River. The upriver boundary can be found at Highway 96 mile marker 20.06. The nearest mile marker to the downriver boundary is 19.64. There are two roadside pull-offs located on this claim. At the larger pull-off, on the upstream side of the bend in the middle of the claim, there is about 50-yards-long path that has a gentle slope all the way to the river. There is a gravel bar directly across the river at the upper end of the property. The Dillon creek campground just downstream (closed during the winter months) is a fee campground with toilets and water.

PROSPECTS: *Here is another very proven section of the Klamath River. The first high-grade pay-streak that me and my partners found on the Klamath River was located about a mile downstream. One of my original dredging students claimed this same portion of river during our first year on the Klamath in 1984. He was recovering half ounce of gold per day using a 4-inch dredge on the roadside of the river not far downstream from the rapids (easy to see where the water slows down in the video). Something happened in the person's personal life that he had to return home, and he never returned. To my knowledge, nobody has dredged in this section of river since that time. Don't be surprised to see my personal dredge parked on this claim during the upcoming season! There is extensive bedrock showing on both sides of the river for the entire length of this claim. Images here display gold which was recovered by our advanced sampling team along the roadside of the river up near the pathway.*

Salmon River, Main Stem

The Salmon River road is located about 37 miles south on Highway 96 (down river along the Klamath) from the town of Happy Camp. Highway 96 is a good road, and the drive takes about an hour. The junction is on the left, just past the Somes Bar store, **before** crossing the Salmon River.

The small town of Orleans can be reached by continuing south on Highway 96 for another 6 or 7 miles. Orleans has two gas stations (propane & diesel also available), a fairly large grocery store & deli, a restaurant, hardware & auto parts store, laundry mat, several RV parks with full hookups, a motel and other support services. A listing of accommodations with addresses and phone numbers is available from our Club headquarters in Happy Camp.

The Forest Service (USFS) Oak Bottom Campground is on the left as you drive 2.2 miles up the Salmon River road. Oak Bottom is a nice, quiet place to stay. There are individual sites there with BBQ pits (that do not require a campfire permit), picnic tables, running water and large restrooms. The fee in the USFS developed campground is \$10/night. But there is a 50% discount if you have a Golden Age or USFS Access Passport. These are available at any USFS office (including Orleans or Happy Camp).

The USFS has agreed to allow our members **free** potable drinking water (as much as you want) out of their Oak Bottom USFS fee campground. There are at least 10 water faucets in the campground. The ones near the toilets allow for a garden hose hookup. Bring a garden hose if you will need it to fill your containers or RV.

The Salmon River road reduces down to one lane in places beyond Butler Flat, which is around 9 miles up the Salmon River road. We advise members to take a look with a car first, before driving beyond Butler Flat with a motor home or pulling a trailer. Logging trucks and other heavy trucks routinely traverse the road, so it is being done. There is a very nice USFS fee-campground further up the road at Nordheimer Flat (13.2 miles up the Salmon River road).

SA-5 SIX BARS CLAIM--The lower boundary of this claim begins just upstream from where Nordheimer Creek meets the Salmon River. The upper boundary is located on a tree 1.7 miles further upriver. You can gain access to the lower end by driving all the way down the USFS access road at Nordheimer.

There is a fantastic area for panning and vacuum-mining about a half mile upper river from Nordheimer Creek. The location is just upriver from where the Salmon River road crosses the Salmon River. There is a fairly large parking area along the side of the road there, and trails that lead down to the area.

There is a road access located 1 mile upriver from Nordheimer Creek. The road will get you closer to the river, but we suggest you walk in first, to make certain you are able to drive your rig out afterwards. There is a second access road located 1.2 miles upriver from Nordheimer Creek which will take you down to Quail Flat. This access road requires you to first drive upriver and find a place to turn around, because of the direction of the access road as it meets the Salmon River Road. We strongly advise you to first walk down this access road before deciding to pull an RV or other trailer down onto Quail Flat.

This second access point goes down to Quail Flat, where there is a flat area for some camping. Long-term camping is approved for this location.

Important Note: There is a long pool-area located where Crapo Creek enters the river from the far side, a little less than half-mile upstream from Nordheimer Creek. This is an established cool-water (from Crapo Creek) holding area for spring-run Schnook Salmon. At certain times during the summer months, there can be dozens or hundreds of salmon holding in this long pool-area. Therefore, we are designating the entire pool-area as off limits to any mining activity – especially dredging. No dredging within 500 feet of Crapo Creek.

PROSPECTS: *The Club has sponsored group surface prospecting projects down onto into the area about a half-mile upstream from Nordheimer Creek (just upriver from the bridge that crosses the river). The exposed bedrock there (under the moss) pays very well, especially in the bedrock cracks that are in great abundance all the way up and around a very large bend in the river there. Two of our members reported recovering 2 dwts per day of fines and flakes, just shoveling into a sluice box in the same area. They brought the gold into the office, and other members said they saw them recover the gold. The gold came from the surface of the gravels to the bedrock, with the largest flakes coming off the bottom. We have also had some good luck in the group projects finding high-grade gold in the river gravels along the banks of the river. Some members have also had good luck both dredging and surface mining near Quail Flat.*

North Fork of Salmon River

For those members who think the Main Stem of the Salmon River is beautiful, just wait until you see how nice it is up the North Fork! The area is like something right out of a story book. The views coming in from the upper road out of Etna (from Yreka) are outstanding!

By the way, the road in from Yreka (through Etna) is generally better than the lower road in from Somes Bar at the mouth of the Salmon. Although it is steeper in places, it is generally wider and a better road. If you are traveling from Interstate 5, you can probably save a few hours by going to the North Fork through Etna. Please look at the enclosed full-color map to get a better look at this.

Forks of the Salmon (“Forks”) is a small community that is located around 19 miles up the Main Stem from the mouth of the Salmon. It is where the Main Stem meets both the North and South Forks. There is a post office there, a small store and a place that sells fuel and propane. We will use the Forks as a reference point to describe where our claims are along the North Fork:

SAN-1 is located just upriver from Forks of the Salmon. Look for our lower boundary sign on a tree just upriver from the post office. The upper boundary is located around 100 yards downstream from the first house on the left as you drive upriver from the Forks. Look for a gulch on the left, where a culvert passes under the road. That is the upper boundary. The claim is around 3/10ths of a mile long. Access is rather limited, but there are some areas where a person can get down to the river. There are some very nice pools and riffles along the claim, with lots of exposed bedrock, on the far side of the river. Please be careful not to park in any way that could obstruct traffic on the main road.

SAN-2 is located around 4 miles upstream on the North Fork from the Forks. Upper and lower boundaries are posted on trees alongside the Salmon River Road. There is a large flat area located along the lower end of the claim, which includes a good river

access, and a lot of shaded area for camping. Long-term camping is approved in this location. Look for the small sign that says: "Engine Fill site."

There is a lot of bedrock showing along the edge of the river. The upper portion of the claim is less accessible, but there is a good trail extending down from the road (mile marker 4). Look for one of our claim signs on a tree near the trail-head. One of the most interesting features about this claim is the appearance of original streambed material alongside the river for the entire length of the claim. As this is a proven very rich section of river, the natural streambed material is a good sign that rich values should be present.

SAN-3A The lower-end of this claim is located 10.6 miles upriver from Forks of the Salmon. Look for a U.S. Forest Service sign that says "Garden Gulch Trail." Club signs are posted on trees along the river-side of the Salmon River Road. There is an access road located around 1/10th of a mile down river from our lower boundary. Watch for the access sign on a tree. The access road leads to our claim and a nice camping area. The claim is about a ¼-mile long, and includes a lot of river diversity such as rapids and pools.

SAN-4 is located around 12 miles up the North Fork from the Forks, just upstream from the Little North Fork of the Salmon River. Watch for a very nice (private) ranch property where the Little North Fork crosses the Salmon River road. You will see our lower boundary sign posted on a tree upriver a little ways. The upper boundary is posted near Kelly Gulch. There is room for some shaded camping up Kelly Gulch. Long-term camping is approved in this location. Access is pretty good along a lot of this claim.

There is an old access road down to the gravel bar on the upper portion of the claim. But it has been blocked to prevent the spread of noxious weeds that apparently exist there. Please do not unblock the access.

SAN-6 is located around 18 miles up the North Fork from the Forks, or about 2 miles upriver from the small town of Sawyers Bar. Access gets easier towards the upper end of the claim, which is just downstream from the bridge that crosses the river at Whites Gulch. There is nice camping on the far side of the river at the upper end of the claim. Long-term camping is approved in this location.

The claim is around a quarter-mile long. Boundaries are posted on trees alongside the road. There is a whole lot of exposed bedrock all throughout this mining property, and all kinds of river diversity that should create valuable placer deposits.

Scott River Claims

S-1 UPPER SCOTT RIVER CLAIM—The lower boundary of this property is located 3.4 miles up the Scott River Road from the junction with Highway 96. But private property prevents access from the road that far down the river. Watch for our claim sign on a tree along the left side of the Scott River Road 3.9 miles up the road. Just beyond the sign, there is a primitive access road that leads down to the river. The access road is narrow and bumpy. You might want to look before you drive in. Please leave room for others to turn around at the bottom of the road. The lower boundary adjoins private property along the river. Watch for the appropriate posted signs. The upper boundary sign is posted on a tree alongside the river, just downriver from another access road with a cabin near the river (left turn 4.1 miles up the Scott River Road). The sign is posted around 200 feet downstream from the parking area near the cabin. There is an upper access road (goes in the direction away from the river) not much more than a few hundred feet further up the road on the right side. Look for our sign on a post. This is Forest Service road #45N16. You will find a primitive path on the left side, about 1/10 of a mile up this road. The path leads to an old hydraulic dig, which is one of our more popular electronic detecting areas. Actually, a recent wildfire has opened this entire upper side to prospecting because the brush and most of the trees have been burned away. There is camping 2/10 of a mile further up this road. Our claim up in this area adjoins private property just a bit further up the road. Watch for the posted signs. Because the river is relatively narrow, members may claim dredging areas 60 feet long, extending all the way across the river. (Dredging claims on the Klamath River only extend out to the middle of the river.)

PROSPECTS: *The upper claim area, up into the old hydraulic workings (and some of the gulches leading down to the river), has been producing gold nuggets for members using metal detectors. There has been just a little work on the lower end, along the river. Members have been finding gold nuggets and jewelry-gold in the river, alongside the bank, just at the bottom of the access road. There's a path that leads directly to where they were dredging. They said the gold came out from around the boulders. Several other members had very good luck about a quarter-mile downriver, around the corner, at the base of a set of rapids. They were also finding nice-sized jewelry gold, up to half-ounce sized nuggets, in and around the boulders. They finally gave up for lack of having a mechanical winch to help move the boulders around. The prospects on this claim look very good!*

S-2 LOWER SCOTT RIVER CLAIM-- The bottom of this claim (downriver end) is approximately 0.3 miles from the junction of Highway 96 and Scott River Road. Both claim boundaries are clearly marked with signs alongside the roads on both sides of the river. The upper boundary sign is posted on a stake near a big rock pile along-side of the road. The lower boundary crosses the river on a steep angle, with the lower part being on the side of the existing Scott River Road. Long-term camping is not available on this claim, but can be done on the S-1 claim several miles upriver. The far side of the river can be reached by driving about a mile upriver, crossing the bridge, and then making an immediate right turn to follow the access road downstream to our claim.

PROSPECTS: *This is a very proven section of the Scott River. Both dredging and prospecting out of the water should be good on the claim. Look for hard-packed gravel, which will indicate sections of the streambed which have not been previously mined.*

S-3 MIDDLE SCOTT RIVER CLAIM--The bottom of this claim (downriver end) is posted on a tree alongside the Scott River Road approximately 1.9 miles from the junction of Highway 96 and Scott River Road. The upper boundary is posted on a stake on the gravel bar alongside the river. This is a pretty short claim. Long-term camping is not available on this claim. There is camping on the S-1 claim several miles upriver.

PROSPECTS: *Members have been rewarded very nicely while working on this claim. Lots of good gold pockets--nice nuggets. It is one of our most popular claims in the Club. This claim has supported members in panning, sluicing and dredging.*

(S-4) SPECIMEN GOLD CLAIM-- This property is located about one mile upriver from the mouth of the Scott River. There is an extensive high-banking area there, and there is also a fantastic natural riffle in the river that should provide very productive dredging opportunities. There are also some great camping spots.

You get onto the claim by driving one mile up the Scott River Road from Highway 96. Look for the U.S. Forest Service sign which says "**Johnson Bar River Access.**" You can follow the access road right down onto the new claim. There is plenty of room for parking and turning around down on the bar.

The downstream boundary sign is posted on a tree where the claim butts up to private property. Private property signs are also posted right there. Our upper boundary is located where the Scott River road crosses the river (bridge).

PROSPECTS: *Dredging is going to be wonderful on this claim. When we first began visiting the Klamath River in 1983, there were some local miners dredging directly under the bridge on this same property, and they were recovering pounds and pounds of some of the most beautiful gold we have ever seen. It was big gold; much of it still attached to white quartz, likely from the famous mine just upstream at Scott Bar. To the best of our knowledge, those guys never dropped back to dredge the lower portion of the claim, especially around and beneath the natural riffle (rapids). We are really lucky to have acquired this property!*

There is also a very large bar present which is producing gold for surface miners. While we still have a lot to learn about this new property, initial test results are encouraging. The location is smack in the middle of one of California's richest gold-producing areas!

Thompson Creek Claims

T-1 LOWER THOMPSON CREEK CLAIMS—are located on Thompson Creek, which is 10.9 miles upriver from Happy Camp. The creek is marked with a sign on the Highway 96 Bridge which crosses the creek. Since there is private property at the lower end of the creek (Thompson Creek Lodge), our claims must be accessed by a Forest Service road (road #18N01) which is located 3/10 of a mile towards Happy Camp on Highway 96 from Thompson Creek. Since our claims take in miles of the lower end of the creek, there are several points of access. Approximately 1.6 miles up the #18N02 access road, it splits three ways. Taking the right-hand road (may need some brushing) will lead you to the lower-end of our claims. The middle road will take you to the upper end of T-1. This road is not maintained anymore. So we suggest you check it out before driving an RV or pulling a trailer on this road. ATV's might be a big help to gain access on this creek. To access the lower end of T-1, take the right-hand split in the road. The road will lead you to a small bridge that crosses Thompson Creek 1.3 miles from the split. Just before the bridge, you can take a right turn into a camping area and creek access. The lower creek boundary is a long way down the creek from there. There is another old creek access road that you will pass on the way in, but it will likely need some brushing to make it passable. You can also take a left turn just before the small bridge that will take you onto a 4WD very primitive road, which splits left and right, just after crossing a small feeder creek. All of these primitive roads are overgrown with brush and may require some work before use. They lead to creek access points further up and downstream. There is limited camping space in both areas. We highly suggest you look, before driving into these areas.

There is another lower creek access and camping area which can be reached by crossing over the small bridge and taking an immediate left up another primitive road. We suggest you look before driving in. To reach the upper access area of T-1, rather than take the right split in the road (1.6 miles up #18N01 from Highway 96) which leads you to the small bridge, you would take the center option in the road and follow it 4 miles from the split. The right-hand turn follows an overgrown and primitive road which leads to a parcel of private property. The private property is the upper boundary of T-1. Watch for the appropriate posted signs. There is limited camping at the bottom. The bottom of the road is just upstream from the upper boundary of T-1.

PROSPECTS: *Thompson Creek has good gold, and much of it is big and slabby. One old-timer (named Briggs) found a pocket of gold up Thompson Creek that was so rich, he was able to retire. His gold was found in slabs—which is typical of Thompson Creek gold. Members have found gold all along T-1, wherever they have dredged. Some do better along the edges, and some find it in the center of the creek. The gold seems to be associated with boulders and bedrock. The gold is spotty—meaning that in some places you find none, and in other places you find plenty. Because access is not easy on most of T-1, member dredging has been limited to the direct access areas. We had several members doing well mining out of the creek in a gravel bar below the lowest campground. They were finding fine gold and flakes in the streambed gravels. Overall, the prospects look excellent. If you are dredging, you must reach bedrock, most often in the boulders, in order to do well. Some areas have bedrock exposed or within a foot or two. Other areas have several feet, or up to 8 or 9 feet of gravel and material over top of bedrock.*

Indian Creek Claims

I-1A INDIAN CREEK AT LUTHER GULCH—is located 5.3 miles up Indian Creek Road from our headquarters in Happy Camp. Watch for directional signs alongside the road. Stay to the right where the access road splits and you will come to a USFS gate which must remain closed. There is some access and a limited amount of camping for members behind the gate. A Club lock on the gate can be opened using the following combination: 0212. Please don't block the access road. Watch for an ATV trail that follows alongside the creek bed. The claim's upper and lower boundaries are posted on trees alongside the creek.

I-1 LOWER MAIN INDIAN CREEK CLAIM—is located about 8 miles up Indian Creek Road from Happy Camp. The lower boundary is located 1/2 mile upstream from the Indian Creek Bridge at South Fork. There is an access road and campground that leads off to the left, 8/10 of a mile up Indian Creek Road from the bridge at South Fork. The up-creek boundary of the claim is 1.8 miles up Indian Creek Road from the bridge at South Fork—or 2/10 of a mile up Indian Creek Road from the Forest Service #18N180 road. There are several paths which have been created to gain access to the creek.

PROSPECTS: *Toward the upper end of these claims, several members were doing quite well recovering fine gold and flakes off a flood layer approximately 18 inches deep into the gravel. Bedrock could be much deeper in some locations. Indian creek has a very proven record of good gold deposits. It is not necessary to reach bedrock, because there is also a flood layer on these claims that is paying well in fine and flake gold.*

I-2 UPPER MAIN INDIAN CREEK CLAIM—has its downstream boundary posted 2.8 miles up Indian Creek Road from the Indian Creek Bridge at South Fork. There are several access roads with camping along this claim. One is called “Coon Run” river access. This is located 3.1 miles up Indian Creek Road from the bridge at South Fork Road. The upper boundary is another 3/10 of a mile upstream—or is located 3/10 of a mile downstream from the next Indian Creek bridge.

PROSPECTS: *This claim is located directly beneath the famous Classic Hill and County Mine hydraulic areas. The tailings from the old mines washed down during the 1964 flood, and deposited a fairly rich layer of flood gold from 18-inches to 2-feet into the streambed material. Members have been dredging and shoveling (out of the water), and have been doing well on top of a shallow streambed layer. This section of Indian Creek has a very rich history, and the prospects are excellent.*

I-2A – MAIN INDIAN CREEK CLAIM NEAR HUEY MINE—This property adjoins the upper-end of the Club's I-2 property, just under the shadow of the historic Classic Hill Mine. The property then follows Indian Creek upstream all the way up to about a ¼-mile downstream of the Club's I-3 property near the West Branch Campground on Indian Creek.

There is easy access towards the lower-end of this property (below the Classic Hill Mine), and near where Indian Creek Road crosses Indian Creek. Thereafter, Indian Creek Road winds its way up the hill towards Oregon, moving a bit further away from Indian Creek. However, there is a very nice unimproved dirt road which extends down onto this new property from up near the West Branch Campground (Note; this road access was washed out during a storm in 2016). Access to this road may require getting a key from the Forest Service (USFS) in Happy Camp to get through 2 gates which are presently blocking passage for vehicle use. A large flood washed out the bridge to the West Branch Campground several years ago; and since the bridge has yet to be repaired, the USFS has closed the gates, probably for public safety reasons. Some people have been riding trail bikes past the gates to gain access to this road. The road is in pretty good shape. It provides access directly to the creek and a nice camping area on this new property.

The lower boundary of I-2A is not marked, because the boundary adjoins I-2, another long Club property which follows Indian Creek further downstream. The upper boundary of I-2A is marked with a New 49'er boundary sign on a tree alongside of Indian Creek Road. There is a ¼-mile stretch of Indian Creek which separates the upper-end of I-2A and the lower-end of the Club's I-3.

PROSPECTS: *The prospects for high-grade gold and beautiful gold nuggets on this property are fantastic! One contributing reason for this is that the tail races from the famous Huey Mine discharged themselves directly into Indian Creek on this property!*

Several years ago, one of our more aggressive members, Dale Carnagey, dredged some sample holes on Indian Creek just below one of the tail races of the Huey Mine, and he was picking up really nice jewelry gold and nuggets before he realized that he was not on a Club property. To our knowledge, nobody has returned since Dale departed the area. In fact, it has been Dale's constant encouragement that prompted the Club to acquire this property.

A closer look down along the creek (in the area where Dale was dredging) will show virgin streambed eroding off of the bedrock into the creek, directly beneath the Huey Mine. Wow, does that look good! No doubt, this is the result of the large winter storm which washed out the bridge to the West Branch Campground a few years ago.

I-3 WEST BRANCH OF INDIAN CREEK CLAIMS—(Note; this road access was washed out during a storm in 2016) These claims are located 9/10 of a mile up Indian Creek Road from the last Indian Creek bridge—or approximately just short of 12 miles up

Indian Creek Road from Happy Camp. Look for the U.S. Forest Service “*West Branch*” campground sign on the right side. The access road will cross a bridge and lead into the campground, where you can take a right turn onto a one-way drive through, or you can go straight—which will lead you to another access road (#18N31A), which will go through a gate and take you near a creek access point further upstream. This road is somewhat primitive, so members should be cautious. The one-way road through the campground will lead you down toward the creek, where we have several trails leading directly to the creek. Watch for our signs. The boundary sign at the lower-creek boundary is posted on a tree about 1/4 mile downstream from the campground. The upper-creek boundary is so far up there, you will probably have difficulty finding the sign. Camping (for a fee) is allowed for two weeks in the developed Forest Service campground. Members wanting to stay longer may camp in a special access area at the lowest end of the campground. Watch for signs.

PROSPECTS: *We had a number of members working the lower end of these claims, below the campground, several years ago—and all of them were excited about the gold they were recovering. Some large nuggets were found, along with lots of jewelry gold. Gravel depth was around 2-3 feet in this area. The gold was along the bedrock. Most of the claim has yet to be tested. Some reports by members indicate that the gravel may be deeper further upstream on the claims. We have a few reports that good gold has also been found on the upper end of the claims. This is not surprising in view of the gold being recovered off the lower end. The prospects are very good!*

I-4 SOUTH FORK OF INDIAN CREEK CLAIMS—can be located by traveling 7.4 miles up Indian Creek Road from Happy Camp, and turning left to drive across the Indian Creek Bridge (South Fork Road). The South Fork road splits 1/10 of a mile up from the bridge. These claims can be accessed going in either direction. You can reach a good camping area and creek access point by taking the right fork in the road, and traveling 4/10 of a mile, to turn left onto a primitive access road. This road will lead you to the creek and camping area. Watch for our directional signs. Following the left-hand fork of South Fork road will put you on Forest Service road #17N32. Shortly thereafter, you will cross a South Fork bridge. The lower boundary of our South Fork claim is located just downstream from this bridge. The upper creek boundary adjoins private property and is very well marked. There is also a side creek (Bald Hornet Creek) which enters South Fork from the left side when looking upstream. This side-creek also carries gold, and is part of our South Fork claim. Watch for New 49'er claim directional signs. Please do not do any mining in or around the (very) popular swimming hole that is around mid-claim.

PROSPECTS: *The entire South Fork claim has been producing excellent gold for our members using dredges and gold pans. The gold has been found in hard-packed streambeds along the bedrock. Much of the upper-end of the claim has been dredged. The lower end is pretty-much un-worked. Look for hard packed natural streambeds. The gold is nuggety and jewelry-grade. With all the exposed bedrock, this is a good location for crevicing and sniping. Make sure to break open all cracks in the bedrock! Also, the side creek carries good gold, and for the most part, has not yet been prospected or mined. Several members were sluicing up this side creek and did very well. Overall, the prospects in this area are very good in the areas which still have hard-packed streambeds in place.*

Elk Creek Claims

E-1 LOWER ELK CREEK CLAIMS—have a primitive access road leading down near to them, which can be found 1.9 miles up Elk Creek Road, on the right-hand side. The access road is not difficult to find because it is the only one leading toward the creek within the vicinity. The access road is narrow and bumpy and extends 1/3 of a mile down to the creek. We suggest you look before driving in. There is no room to turn a trailer around at the bottom. Because there is so little room at the bottom, we ask that members do not camp down there. The parking area is actually located on the upstream adjoining claim. The upper creek boundary is posted on a tree several hundred yards downstream from the road access point. The lower boundary is also posted on a tree alongside the creek.

PROSPECTS: *This section of Elk Creek is proven to carry rich gold deposits, so the prospects are excellent.*

E-2 EAST FORK OF ELK CREEK CLAIMS—can be located by turning left on Forest Service road #45N19, just before the 5-mile bridge on Elk Creek. The first creek access and camping area is located about 1/10th of a mile up the road. Watch for the turn-off. The road actually leads to a very nice camping spot along the main fork of Elk Creek. As there is very limited room to turn things around in there, we

suggest you look before driving in. The second access and camping area is located 3/4 of a mile up the same Forest Service road #45N19. There is a New 49'er directional sign pointing the way. The access road is primitive and narrow, and we recommend you look before driving into this area. There is very little room at the bottom to turn a trailer around. There is no lower boundary posted, because these claims connect to the E-3 Elk Creek claims at the confluence of the main stem of Elk Creek. The upper creek boundary is posted alongside the road 3/10 of a mile beyond a green gate. There is also an access point and small campground at this location. The remainder of the creek is reasonably accessible from the main road. Watch out for poison oak.

PROSPECTS: *This is an excellent place to learn how to dredge, because the creek is shallow, boulders are generally not a big problem, the gravel is generally shallow to bedrock—and there are gold nuggets! The nuggets are associated with hard-packed streambeds and lie along the bedrock in the cracks and traps. The claim is quite long, and for the most part has not been sampled or mined. The gold tends to be a bit spotty, so you have to have some patience. When you find it, it tends to be in small pockets along the bedrock. The prospects for gold recovery on these claims are good!*

E-3 ELK CREEK CLAIMS AT THE 5-MILE BRIDGE (*Please see important note above.*)—The lower creek boundary is marked 1/10 of a mile upstream from the 5-mile bridge on Elk Creek Road. The 5-mile bridge is the first bridge which crosses Elk Creek when driving up there from Highway 96. The first creek access and campground is located about 1/5 of a mile further upstream. When dredging in this area, please be careful not to disturb or undermine the special boulder fish weirs which have been constructed to improve the fishery habitat. There is a second access road and camping area located 1.3 miles further up Elk Creek Road from the 5-mile bridge. This access road is a bit narrow, and we suggest you look before driving in. The upper creek boundary is posted on a tree alongside the creek at the end of this road and camping area.

PROSPECTS: *Members have done exceptionally well on these claims using suction dredges. The gold seems to come off bedrock and out of the lowest strata of gravels. There is a lot of nuggets and jewelry gold. Several members have come back year after year to dredge these claims. Gravel depth can be shallow to 8 or 9 feet thick, depending on the location. Most of the member activity has been at the lower portion of these claims. Prospects for the upper portion look just as promising. One woman dredging on the adjoining claim downstream recovered 10 ounces of gold nuggets in just one day using a 5-inch dredge. So the potential is great!*

IMPORTANT NOTE: On Elk Creek, between the mouth of East Fork of Elk Creek to Cougar Creek (near the 10-mile bridge), dredge holes must be back-filled to approximately the original contour of the streambed when the dredging is finished, because this is a well-used spawning area by Coho salmon. This affects portions of E-3 & E-4.

E-4 ELK CREEK CLAIMS AT THE 10-MILE BRIDGE (*Please see important note above.*)— can be reached by driving a little more than nine miles up Elk Creek Road from Highway 96, and watching for the first substantial road that turns left. There is a bridge, which is located at about the center of our claims. After crossing the bridge, you can turn right or left to gain access to camping and other creek access points further up or downstream along Elk Creek. If you go in the upstream direction, you will find the access road and camping areas extend up to Doolittle Creek. If you go downstream, you will be turning left on Forest Service road #15N02, and you will find the lower creek boundary posted on a tree 6/10 of a mile downstream alongside the road. There are various primitive access roads extending down toward the creek. The last one is best and is marked with a New 49'er directional sign. This access road extends directly to the creek. The upper end of the creek claims can be located by continuing upstream on Elk Creek Road. The upper creek boundary is posted on a tree alongside the road 1/2 mile upstream from the 10-mile bridge. There is another access road located a short distance downstream from the bridge. This road dead-ends at a parcel of private property. As our claim butts up to the private property, our boundary sign can be found on a tree alongside the road.

PROSPECTS: *The area has a rich gold mining history, with old mine workings along the banks near Doolittle Creek. We had several members say that they found good gold while dredging in the creek near the lowest access point toward the lower end of the claim.*

E-5 ELK CREEK CLAIMS AT SULPHUR SPRINGS—can be located by driving up Elk Creek Road three miles beyond the 10-mile bridge. Follow the signs leading to Sulfur Springs—which is located at the lower end of our claims. Because Sulfur Springs is a popular area for other outdoor recreation enthusiasts, we ask you to not camp or mine in the immediate special staging vicinity. There are several access roads and camping areas further upstream. The upstream boundary is posted one mile further up the road from Sulfur Springs. The lower boundary is posted on a tree near the staging area at Sulfur Springs. If the Forest Service gate is closed, blocking access to the upper portion of the claim, the combination to our lock on the gate is **4444**. Please keep the gate locked after you pass through.

PROSPECTS: *Several members have spent substantial time dredging on these claims and have been finding gold nuggets on the bedrock. The bedrock is shallow in places, and is accessible by rolling one layer of boulders back. You are looking for hard packed streambed in and around the boulders. Our first Group Dredging Project was done on this claim. You can read about it at <http://www.goldgold.com/newsletter0208.htm>*

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