

PRODUCT GOLD (PLACER)
PRODUIT

PROVINCE OR TERRITORY PROVINCE OU TERRITOIRE

British Columbia

N.T.S. AREA 93 N/9, 10
RÉGION DU S.N.R.C.

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NAME OF PROPERTY
NOM DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ

MANSON RIVER, KILDARE & BLACKJACK CREEKS

OBJECT LOCATED
OBJET LOCALISÉ

UNCERTAINTY
FACTEUR D'INCERTITUDE

Mining Division **Omineca**
Division minière

County
Comté

Lot
Lot

Sec
Sect.

Lat. 55°40'
Lat.

District
District

Township or Parish
Canton ou paroisse

Concession or Range
Concession ou rang

Tp.
Ct.

Long. 124°30'
Long.

Cassiar

OWNER OR OPERATOR/PROPRIÉTAIRE OU EXPLOITANT

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT/DESCRIPTION DU GISEMENT

Manson River, between Kildare and Slate Creeks, is a fairly wide, northeasterly flowing stream, bordered by rock benches along its southeast bank and by low-lying gravel benches and intermittent rock benches on its northwest bank. Bedrock is reasonably close to the surface over much of this ground. Kildare creek is a wide flat, and Blackjack creek, near its mouth, is a rock canyon. Further down the Manson river, in the vicinity of Lost Creek, rock benches on the south bank are overlain, near the river, by shallow stream gravels, apparently post-Glacial, and were worked thoroughly in the early years. Back from the stream, however, these post-Glacial gravels rest on glacial deposits, which in turn rest on bedrock. Gold was obtained not only in the post-Glacial gravels but on bedrock. It is reported that virtually all of workings along Manson river, whether in the present channel or above it, went to bedrock or were on bedrock.

HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HISTORIQUE DE L'EXPLORATION ET DE LA MISE EN VALEUR

Placer gold has been recovered from a section of the headwaters of the Manson River some 59 miles east-northeast of Takla Landing. Gold was first discovered on the Manson River in 1871 and the placer ground has been worked almost continuously since then by individuals, and at times by companies. The river has been worked from 2,000 feet above the mouth of Kildare Creek for a distance of about 6 miles downstream, as well as the lower reaches of Kildare Creek and most of Blackjack Creek, which are small tributaries of Manson River entering from the northwest and south respectively.

The Omineca Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, incorporated in 1896, held placer leases on Manson River, Blackjack and Lost Creeks. The 43rd Mining and Milling Company of Cariboo, Limited Liability, also incorporated in 1896, operated on Kildare and Slate creeks for about 7 years. In 1901 this company leased ground on Manson River from the Arctic Slope Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited. Arctic Slope was incorporated in 1899, and re-incorporated in 1903 as The Omineca and Peace River Mining Company, Limited; the company charter was surrendered in 1918.

Omineca Placers, Limited, incorporated in 1932, operated on Manson River for several years. Lost Creek Placer Gold, Limited, organized in 1936, held leases for 1½ miles along the south side of Manson River in the vicinity of Lost Creek. Northern Gold Placers, Inc., carried out a shovel operation on Manson River in 1937. Gruen Placers, Limited, acquired two bench leases on the river and one on the west side of Wolverine Lake in 1946; the company carried out a geophysical survey of their ground in 1947. Manson Creek Gold Mining Co. Ltd. was formed in December 1959 to acquire lease No. 1470; this ground was acquired by Germansen Mines Co. Limited in 1961.

The Martin Mine, Limited, operated two suction dredges part time, and Lincoln Enterprises Limited had a small washing plant in operation, in 1966.

HISTORY OF PRODUCTION/HISTORIQUE DE LA PRODUCTION

The recorded placer gold production from Manson River and Blackjack Creek for the period 1874-1945 is 12,344 ounces.

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Map 971 A, Smithers-Fort St. James, (Geol.), Sc. 1":8 miles.
 Map 876 A, Manson Creek, (Geol.), Sc. 1":4 miles (1946).
 Map 93 N, Manson River, (Topo.), Sc. 1:250,000.
 Manson River-Slate Creek Area, Sc. 1":1,000 feet, Fig. 2 -
 Summary Report 1933.

REMARKS/REMARQUES

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