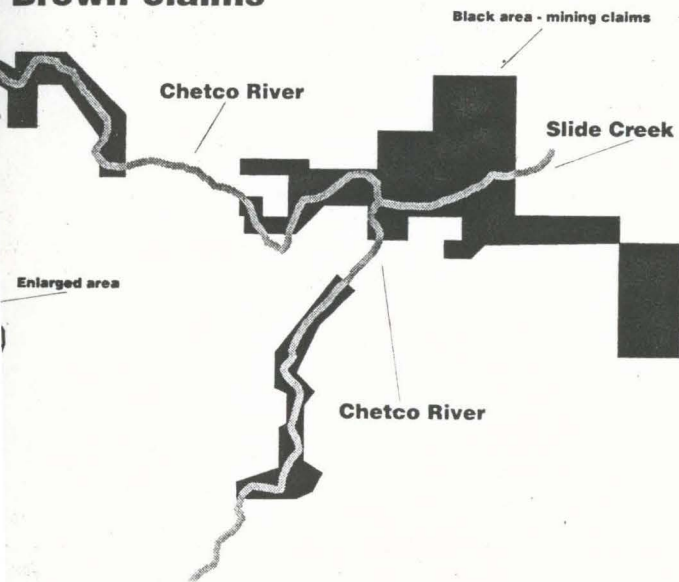


ng claim in Kalmiopsis to be validated

Brown claims



Richness of gold deposits could bring large operation

By Gordon Gregory
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The Siskiyou National Forest soon will officially confirm that a Canyonville man with more than 2,000 acres of mineral claims inside the Kalmiopsis Wilderness has the right to mine the area.

That doesn't mean a large mine will immediately open in the pristine region, but it does make one more likely, perhaps even inevitable.

"In his particular case, indications are that the deposits are rather extensive," Siskiyou National Forest geologist Gordon Lyda said. "Sooner or later, someone's going to come along and do something with it."

Lyda has conducted the investigation into the claims and said he will submit a report indicating the claims are valid.

Darrell Brown has had the string of 17

claims, which generally straddles about eight miles of the Chetco River and nearby drainages, since about 1961. His is the largest block of claims and is considered potentially the most valuable of several mining claims in the wilderness area 25 miles west of Grants Pass.

Brown had done little with the property until this summer when he asked the U.S. Forest Service for permission to use a bulldozer and backhoe to remove a significant quantity of ore from a 160-acre block of claims for assay. The tests showed that the ore had substantial deposits of gold, and that a mine could be profitably developed.

Lyda's report will cover only those 160 acres. If Brown wants to repeat the process for his remaining claims, indications are that he'd be able to mine those as well, Lyda said.

Brown has not told the Forest Service if

he intends to mine or if he will apply for a patent, which grants actual ownership of the land.

Repeated attempts by the Daily Courier to contact Brown about his plans were unsuccessful.

It's impossible to predict how much gold could be recovered from Brown's claims, Lyda said, but it appears a mine there could produce millions of dollars worth of ore.

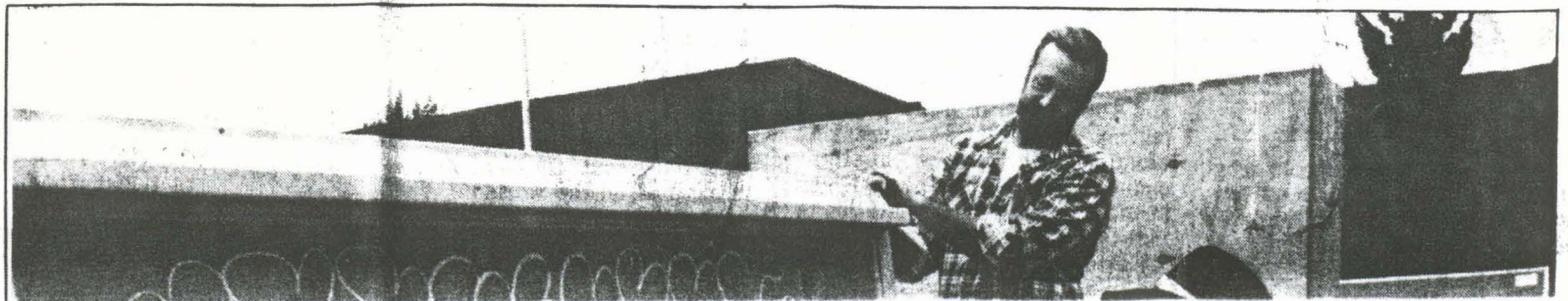
That is not good news to some.

"There's no place sacred," said Grants Pass area resident Barbara Ullian, who strongly opposes mining in wilderness areas.

She said she hikes in the Kalmiopsis for its solitude and beauty, and to learn about nature. Ullian, a photographer, has become particularly fond of the Chetco Riv-

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ervationists to change mining law



Associated Press

A very weak pacific cold front dragged across the northern portions of Oregon overnight and was weakening rapidly this morning as it crossed into the southern sections of the state.

Only some light widely scattered showers fell along the front, mainly along the coast and in the cascades. Skies were clearing partially this morning across the northwestern corner, but some fog was forming in these clearing areas.

Early morning low temperatures ranged from 38 at Klamath Falls and 39 at Salem and Astoria into the 40s elsewhere.

High pressure will slowly build over the state through Sunday for generally fair weather except for the morning valley and coastal fog. Temperatures will be normal over the west and a little below normal across eastern Oregon.

Region

Portland-Vancouver — Saturday: Partly sunny. Slight chance of morning showers. High in the lower 60s. Wind northwest 5-10 mph. **Saturday night:** Partly cloudy early. Fog forming late. Low near 45. **Sunday:** Mostly sunny after some morning fog. High in the low 60s.

North Oregon Coast — Saturday: Partly sunny. Slight chance of showers early. Highs around 60. Northwest winds to 15 mph. **Saturday night:** Low clouds with fog forming. Lows around 40. **Sunday:** Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Central Oregon Coast — Saturday: Partly sunny. Slight chance of morning showers. Highs 60-65. Northwest winds to 15 mph. **Saturday night:** Increasing low clouds and fog. Lows in the low 40s. **Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

South Oregon Coast — Saturday: Partly sunny after some morning fog or low clouds. Highs lower 60s. Northwest winds to 15

Western Oregon — Dry Monday and Tuesday with areas of morning fog or low clouds. Increasing clouds Wednesday with slight chance rain north coast late. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Eastern Oregon — Dry. Highs in the mid-50s to upper 60s. Lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s, locally in the 20s.

Nation

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany, N.Y.	74	39		cdy
Albuquerque	81	51		cdy
Amarillo	91	58		clr
Anchorage	37	33		sn
Asheville	82	55		cdy
Atlanta	80	63	.04	rn
Atlantic City	81	50		clr
Austin	89	68		clr
Baltimore	82	56		clr
Billings	65	41		rn
Birmingham	80	56		cdy
Bismarck	75	33		clr
Boise	75	41		cdy
Boston	73	51		cdy
Brownsville	89	69		cdy
Buffalo	66	43		cdy
Burlington, Vt.	70	34		cdy
Casper	78	45		cdy
Charleston, S.C.	84	67		cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	83	56		clr
Charlotte, N.C.	86	64		cdy
Cheyenne	80	50		cdy
Chicago	81	52		cdy
Cincinnati	84	58		clr
Cleveland	76	53		cdy
Columbia, S.C.	87	64		cdy
Columbus, Ohio	81	57		clr
Concord, N.H.	73	30		cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	89	62		clr
Dayton	80	58		clr
Denver	83	50		cdy
Des Moines	84	56		cdy
Detroit	73	51		cdy
Duluth	60	36		cdy
El Paso	90	45		clr
Evansville	91	54		clr
Fairbanks	35	25		cdy
Fargo	78	38		cdy
Flagstaff	74	42		cdy
Grand Rapids	76	48		cdy
Great Falls	64	41		sn
Greensboro, N.C.	83	61		cdy
Hartford	76	42		cdy
Helena	67	38		sn
Honolulu	86	72	.53	cdy
Houston	89	64		cdy
Indianapolis	84	58		cdy
Jackson, Miss.	83	54		rn
Jacksonville	83	62		cdy
Juneau	44	28	.09	rn
Kansas City	87	62		cdy
Las Vegas	86	63		clr
Little Rock	85	63		cdy
Los Angeles	75	62		cdy
Louisville	87	58		cdy
Lubbock	92	58		clr
Memphis	85	59		cdy
Miami Beach	86	80		clr
Midland-Odessa	90	53		clr
Milwaukee	76	53		rn
Minneapolis-St. Paul	74	43		cdy

music successes," Walk of Fame Chairman Johnny Grant said Thursday. "Few realize, however, the tremendous impact he has had on the world through radio, film and television." Graham's star will be unveiled Sunday and it won't be the first time a clergyman has been honored with a star, Grant said. Rev. **GRAHAM** James Cleveland, a Grammy-winning gospel singer, composer, pianist and minister at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Los Angeles, received a star in 1981.



Bright

■ **WISHING HE WAS WHISTLING.** Four-time International Whistle-Off Grand Champion Roy Thoreson thinks he blew it this year. The Canadian whistling wonder and the only person to win the contest more than once was coaxed into being on the judge's committee for this weekend's 12th annual event in Sparks, Nev. "They'd just as soon I didn't compete," Thoreson, 58, said of contest organizers. "I agreed to it, but I kind of wish I was competing. I guess they want to make way for some other people to win. But I'll be back. I'll take a couple of years off and come back in 1991."

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er drainage.

"The quality of the water ... and the beauty is unparalleled," she said.

She said soils in the drainage are fragile and the diversity of plant life impressive. What Ullian fears is that the beauty and ecological health of the area will be sacrificed for the one-time riches of a placer mine.

"All mining to me is really destructive to the earth," she said, asserting that federal reclamation requirements are minimal. "The scars don't heal easily."

Ullian also points out that the public receives no royalties from hard-rock mines and that if Brown decides to patent the claim, he could receive full ownership of that section of wilderness.

Actually, Brown is just one of nine people holding "validated"

claims in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness.

Validation is the legal process that establishes that a profitable mine can be developed on a particular claim. If the claim is within a wilderness, the federal government must determine that the claim was valid prior to the end of 1983, the cutoff date set in the Wilderness Act of 1964. That is, the claimant must have discovered and claimed a deposit rich enough to be profitably mined prior to the end of that year. Miners who want to develop wilderness claims after 1983 must have their claims reassessed to see if the deposits can still be economically developed.

Once a claim is valid, the miner can submit a plan of operation to begin mining and can apply for a patent.

Patents are not necessary for

mining, but they do open the door to many other uses.

There is only one patented claim currently inside the Kalmiopsis three 20-acre sections owned by Carl W. Alleman and Sally M. Orrick of Selma.

Lyda said current mining activity within the wilderness is relatively benign, and that few visitors to the area probably notice any disturbance.

"They're very, very low-key. You'd never know they were in the area unless you bumped right into them. ... The exception could be Darrell Brown's operation," Lyda said.

If Brown's claims are one day developed, the Forest Service probably would have to allow road access. It also would have to permit practically any mining technique necessary to develop the

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grizzly bears in the lower 48 states. Forest Service officials say they can modify any mining plan submitted to them, but they can not stop the development.

far rarer today than precious metals: honest opportunity for the common man.

Through the law almost anyone can, with a minimum of legal re-

land," he says.

Somewhere between the miner and the public-land defenders sits the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

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