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PRIMARY NAME: PROMISE PLACER

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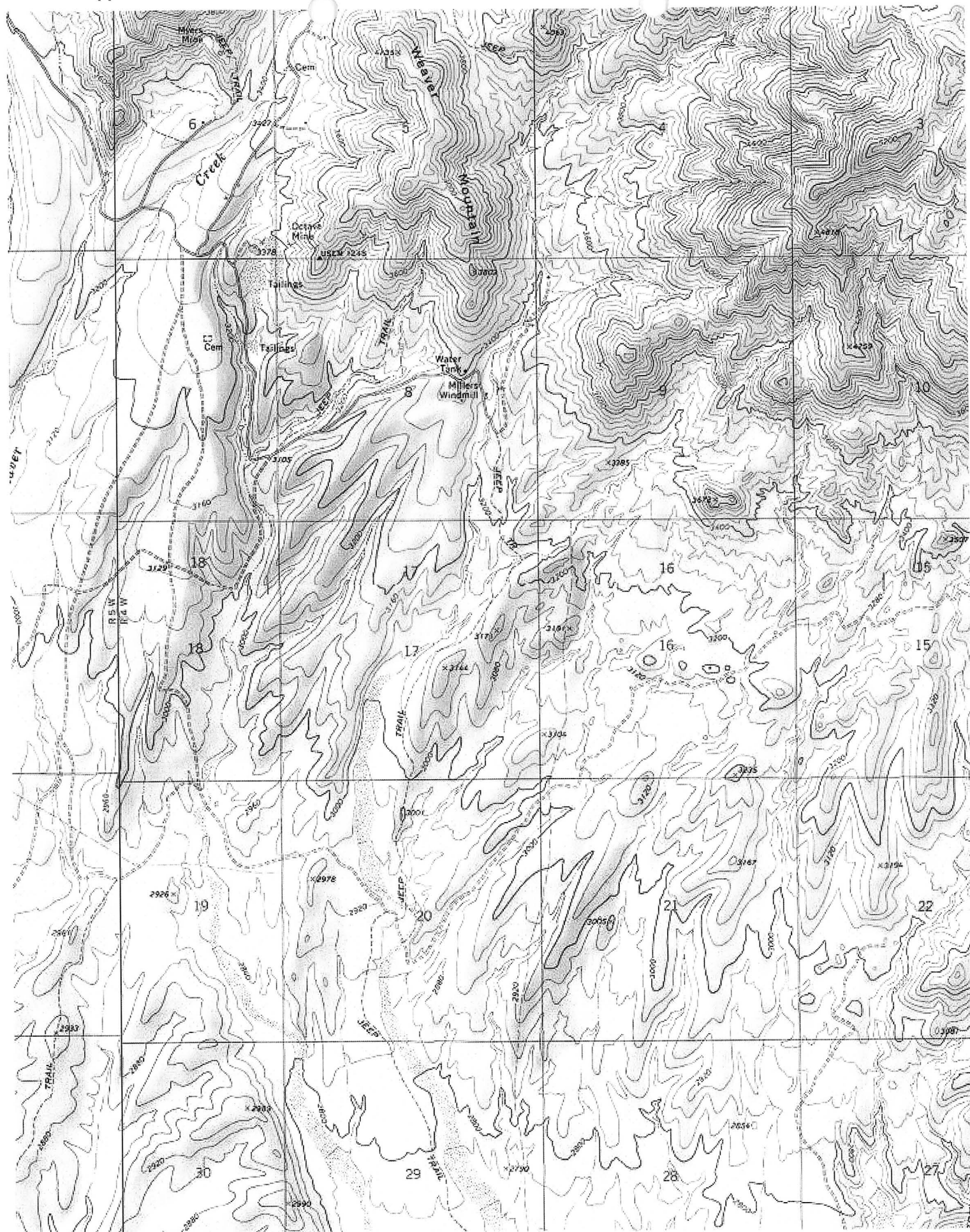
YAVAPAI COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 1438

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 9 N RANGE 4 W SECTION 8 QUARTER NW
LATITUDE: N 34DEG 08MIN 25SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 42MIN 12SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: YARNELL - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: OTHER

COMMODITY:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
ADMMR PROMISE PLACER FILE



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CHARGES

\$71.00 Pd

ASSAYER

(\$60.00 "Promise")
(Amalgamation of sample with Hg then removal of Ag)

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CHARGES

\$ 91.00.00

ASSAYER

(I.e. or "Promiss")
Analysation of samples (41g. then removed 1.0g.)

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For **Mr. C. C. Richardson**
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Date **June 25, 1981**

ASSAY CERTIFICATE

LAB NO.	IDENTIFICATION	OZ. PER TON		PERCENTAGES			
		GOLD	SILVER	COPPER			
2228	Eduardo:						
	#1 Lower Vein	0.03					
	#2 Iron Ore	0.01					
	#3 Vein	0.92					
	#4 Vein	0.06					
	Promise #5						
	Sample #1	trace					
	Sample #2	trace					
	Promise #6						
	Sample #3	0.01					
	P Promise #2						
	Sample #4	nil					
	Promise #3						
	Sample #5	trace					
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Respectfully submitted,

ARIZONA TESTING LABORATORIES

Claude E. McLean, Jr.

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FLACER
EXPLORATION AND
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
FOR THE OCTAVE
June 11, 1980



INTRODUCTION:

In order to form a comparative base for economic evaluation, we must formulate an objective. We know beyond doubt that gold exists on the subject property, we have established our rights to that gold and we have an adjacent operation from which we can obtain extremely accurate production cost data. We also know of small successful operations are ongoing nearby (See "Western Prospector and Miner" March 1980).

For the purpose of evaluation, we may assume an operation capable of mining 1000 tons per day of placer ore. This assumption yields us the required cost data as it can be accomplished with an exact duplicate of the personnel and equipment now in use on the adjacent heap leaching facility. If we further assume that the product would be fully capitalized prior to production, we have a theoretically exact economic base on which to evaluate the property. The capitalized cost of exploration, equipment, buildings, initial salary, fees and miscellaneous can therefore be set at \$580,000.00 which must be recovered over the life of the project. No consideration is given to the fact that near 50% of that value might be recovered as equity in equipment at the end of the product life.

DESCRIPTION: Located in the Weaver Mining district, the property consists of eight placer claims approximating a total of 160 acres. The claims are to the south and west of the Octave/Calgrey dump leaching facility which occupies a portion of the property. The property is bounded on the north, west, and south by mining claims of others and on the east by the high ridges of the Weaver Mountains. See Plate I & II.

CONFLICTS: Certain portions of the claims are being utilized for a dump leaching operation which has been in operational development by HMR for several months. This area eliminates approximately 10 acres of the placer claims. Title to an additional area of 80 plus acres has been questioned by third parties and while council feels a favorable judgment is forthcoming in the immediate future, this area will receive minimal priority until the conflict is resolved. Primary attention will be directed to the 40 acres of the south east quadrant of the claim group. (Not In Conflict.)

AREA HISTORY: The Weaver and adjacent Rich Hill placers are in Yavapai County Arizona on the southern margin of the Weaver Mountains. The eastern boundary is Weaver Creek and Antelope Creek is on the west.

Placer gold was discovered in the 1860's and produced about \$500,000 in the five years following. The loose gold found underneath boulders and in rock crevices on Rich Hill was easily gathered but more work was required to work the creek gravels. A settlement grew up and flourished but is now ruins. The old cemetery is near the claims. Prior to 1883 one million dollars was taken from a single acre. As time progressed the easy to recover gold became progressively difficult and the hand mining and panning dwindled with only \$64,000 being produced between 1934 to 1949. Minor amounts of sluicing and dry washing have been carried on since that time.

Gold found in the area has a fineness of 910 with some significant nuggets occasionally being found up to 3 ounces in weight. A single nugget of near 10 ounces was found near the Octave. Away from the margin of the mountain, coarse gold was progressively rare.

GEOLOGY²: The Weaver Mountains are made up of granite and schist overlain by sediments and lava of a younger period. The placer ore covers about 40 square miles, the richest of which is the northern portion including the top of Rich Hill. Rich Hill rises 2,000 feet above the plain and is primarily granite. In places the granite is traversed by thin lenticular quartz veins carrying pyrite, galena, and gold. The top of Rich Hill is a mesa evidently representing a remnant

of the elevated Weaver Mountain pediment.

The washes and benches below Rich Hill consist of iron stained gravel and sand with granite floors and an abundance of subangular boulders 2 to 6 feet in diameter. The gravel and sand vary in thickness up to 10 feet.

Samples:² Five samples taken at two locations are represented in the table.

C1 = .02 AU/TON	} Tailings values
C2 = .01 AU/TON	
C3 = .01 AU/TON	
C4 = .12 AU/TON	} Virgin area
C6 = .06 AU/TON	

Samples C1 - C2 were taken at the site of old workings and may represent tailings values. Samples C4 and C6 represent what appears to be virgin territory and have a higher possibility of being true values. The report by Grimm confirms the reported 10 feet of alluvial thickness above bedrock.

EXPLORATION: The history and small samples indicate that this property is in "Elephant Country" and thus warrants further examination as a potential producer. As no firm data is available one can only make broad speculations at this point as to the value or potential of the property. If one assumes that 50% of the 40 acre plot can be mined and that 50% of the gravel has average recoverable value of .06 oz/ton of gold, then the potential recovery is 24,000 oz. with a value of \$14 million.

Before any realistic estimates of actual value can be determined a substantial evaluation must be made. Not only must the value potential be established but other parameters associated with "placering" must be defined. These parameters include: (1) distribution of ore values, (2) degree of cementation (3) size and distribution of boulders (4) amount of bedrock relief (5) size classification of ore distribution and (6) water availability.

As the economics of a placer operation depend heavily on the recoverability of metal by gravity it is typical to process samples by a scaled down version of a production gravity separation plant. A typical plant would consist of a screening plant and a gravity separation device such as a rocker or sluice.⁴ There would be a requirement for large amounts of water for processing. Figure 1 represents a typical mechanized recovery plant such as operated in the area in recent years.²

R4W

6

5

600x1500 ft placer claims

T9N



PROSPECT
AREA
40 acres

SAMPLE SITES

CONFLICT AREA

7

8

WEAVER MINING DISTRICT
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

OCTAVE PLACER CLAIMS
PROPOSED PROSPECT AREA

JUNE 16, 1980

Exploration Plan: As the reported gravel depth is not more than 10 feet, the deposit can be sampled by trenching as opposed to drilling. Trenching has the advantage of, bulk samples, low cost, broader exposure of vertical distribution, and time required. Trenching may be by bulldozer or backhoe. While a backhoe may be less expensive to operate, the existence of large boulders may preclude its effective use. Due to the proximity of the Octave leaching operation it is the intent to utilize the Octave loader and dozer during such time as it will not interfere with personnel or production at that operation.

The initial sampling will be in two phases. The first phase will be on a miniature scale taking samples of up to 50 pounds. These samples will be graded and classified with small hand screens and processed in a small sluice. Check assays of the bulk samples will be run by a commercial lab. Upon completion of the small sample program a large bulk sample program will be run utilizing the screen plant at the Octave site. Concentrates from the Octave screen plant will require processing at a facility utilizing tables and/or other concentrators to determine the most efficient and economical method of processing. Several such facilities exist in the Phoenix area.

Economics: As stated in "exploration", one condition could yield values of \$14 million. It is unrealistic to make speculations of a specific nature based on the limited amount of data now available. If only the 40 acre plot is considered the \$14 million might be estimated to be a maximum. The following example represents a theoretical case where the maximum potential is \$14 million.

Case I:

40 acres of deposit	
Average depth 6 feet.	
Average overburden 2 feet	
Total ore volume 258133 cubic yards	
Total ore tonnage 413013 tons	
Total overburden stripped 206506 tons	
Mine rate 1000 tons/day ore and overburden	
Total ore tonnage 667 tons/day	
Mine Cost/ton \$1.10/ton	
Mine Cost/ton of ore	\$ 2.20 ton
Ore handling 667 tons/day	\$.20 ton
Equipment cost	\$575.00 mm
Cost/ton amort. over life	\$ 1.85 ton
Operation cost/ton	\$.90
total ore cost/ton	\$ 5.15 ton

Average grade .06 oz/ton
total available gold 24,780

Total cost of extraction	\$ 2,127,000
Total value at \$600.00	\$14,868,000
Gross for royalty	\$12,741,000
Less royalty	<u>\$ 1,911,000</u>
Group Net	\$10,830,000
No of wk days/year	195
Total tonnage	661,146
Total years regd (life)	3.4 years

Case II:

Average ore quantity at 1 ft.thickness	103,000 tons
Mine cost./ton ore including overburden	6.60
Ore Handling	.20
Equipment/ton overlife	5.53
Operation cost	<u>.90</u>
Total ore cost/ton	13.23
Cost of extraction	\$ 1,362,690
Gross oz/gold	\$ 6,180
Gross value	<u>\$ 3,708,000</u>
Gross for royalty	\$ 2,345,300
Less royalty	<u>\$ 352,000</u>
Group net	\$ 1,993,300
Life	3.4 years

PLACER LOCATIONS

Two possible placer locations on the Dun Billy and Grey Devell Addition claims. Samples were taken at the suspected locations and assays indicate that further investigation need be done.

Placer site #1 is located in the Grey Devell Addition #4. A network of tunnels indicate previous placer mining done at this location. Figure 2 shows the location of samples collected and the workings. The assays from this site are as follows:

C1	.02	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au
C2	.01	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au
C3	.01	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au

*Arizona Testing

The results of the assays show low values, but areas closer to the stream and workings should be checked.

This site is at the junction of two intermittent stream valleys. The area is a fan type alluvial deposit downstream of a bedrock contact. The bedrock at this site is an altered diabase. At the contact of the bedrock and alluvium is a caliche layer (CaCO_3 cement) ranging from two to three feet in width. Above this layer the alluvium has a thickness of four feet. This is the alluvium that was mined in the previous workings. Another caliche layer with a thickness of two feet is near the surface. The total thickness of the alluvium to the bedrock is ten feet.

Upstream, as a source area, is the Joker Shaft of the Octave Mine. This location is the first possible auriferous alluvium downstream of the source area.

Placer site #2 is located downstream of the Calgrey leaching operation at the old Octave Mill site. Figure 3 shows the placer site relative to the leaching operation. Assays of the samples taken are as follows:

C4	.12	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au
C5	.23	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au
C6	.06	$\frac{\text{oz.}}{\text{ton}}$	Au

FIGURE 2-Placer Site #1

Grey Devell Addition #4



1 inch = 157 feet

Grey Devell
Addition #3

N87°W

N17°W

Bedrock
Alluvium

Grey Devell
Addition #4

Samples taken at cut
C1
C2
C3

Placer
Workings

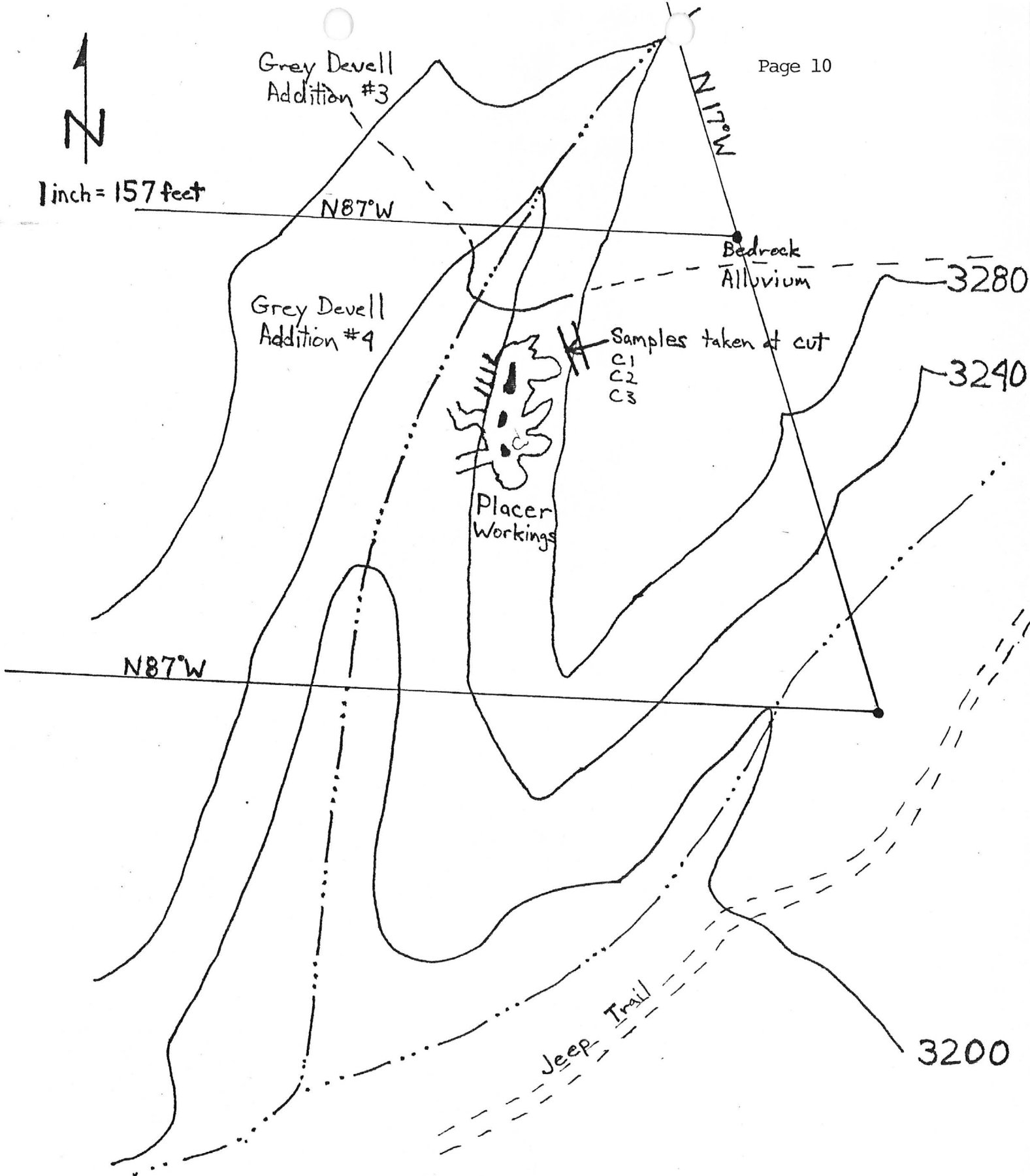
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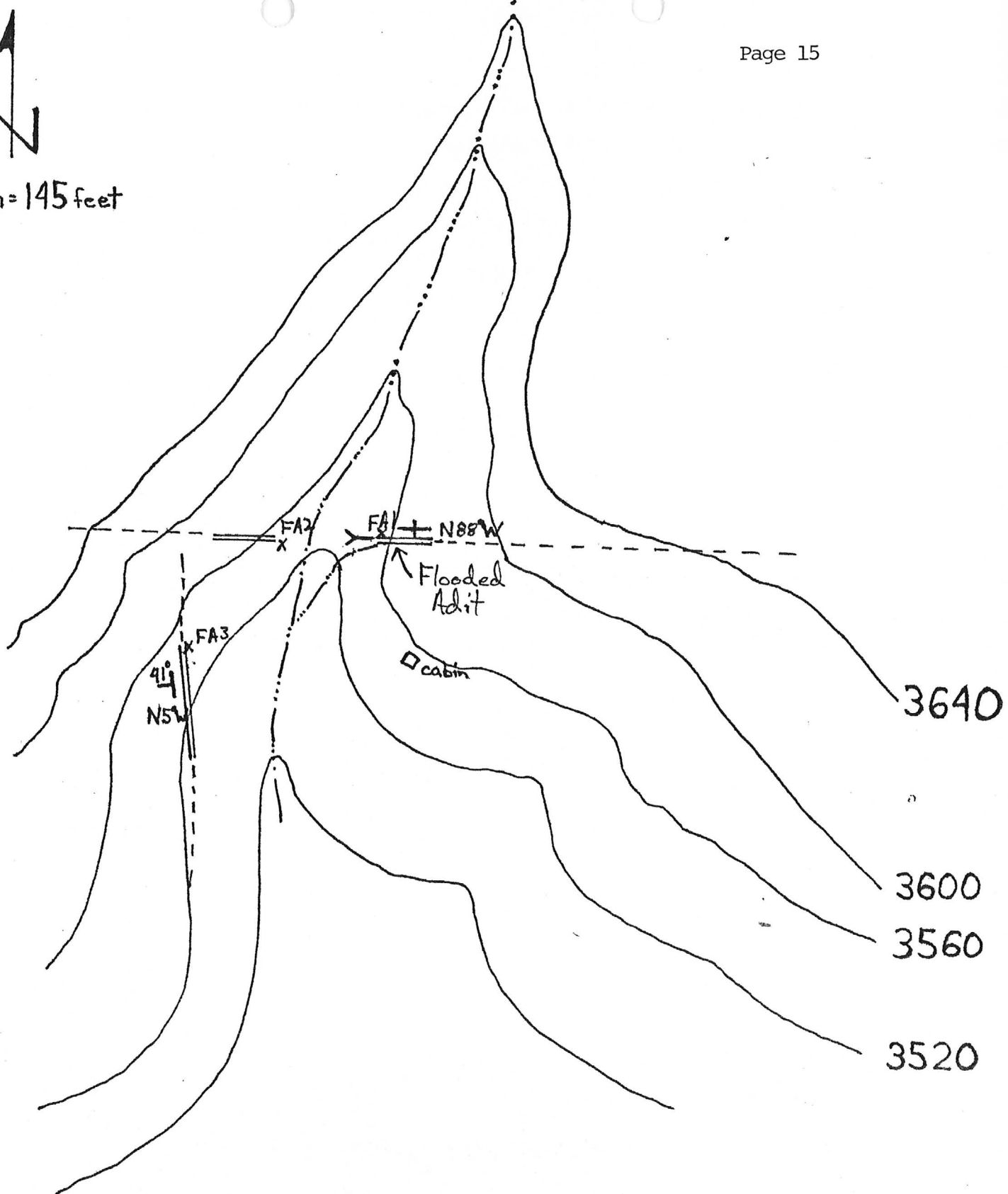
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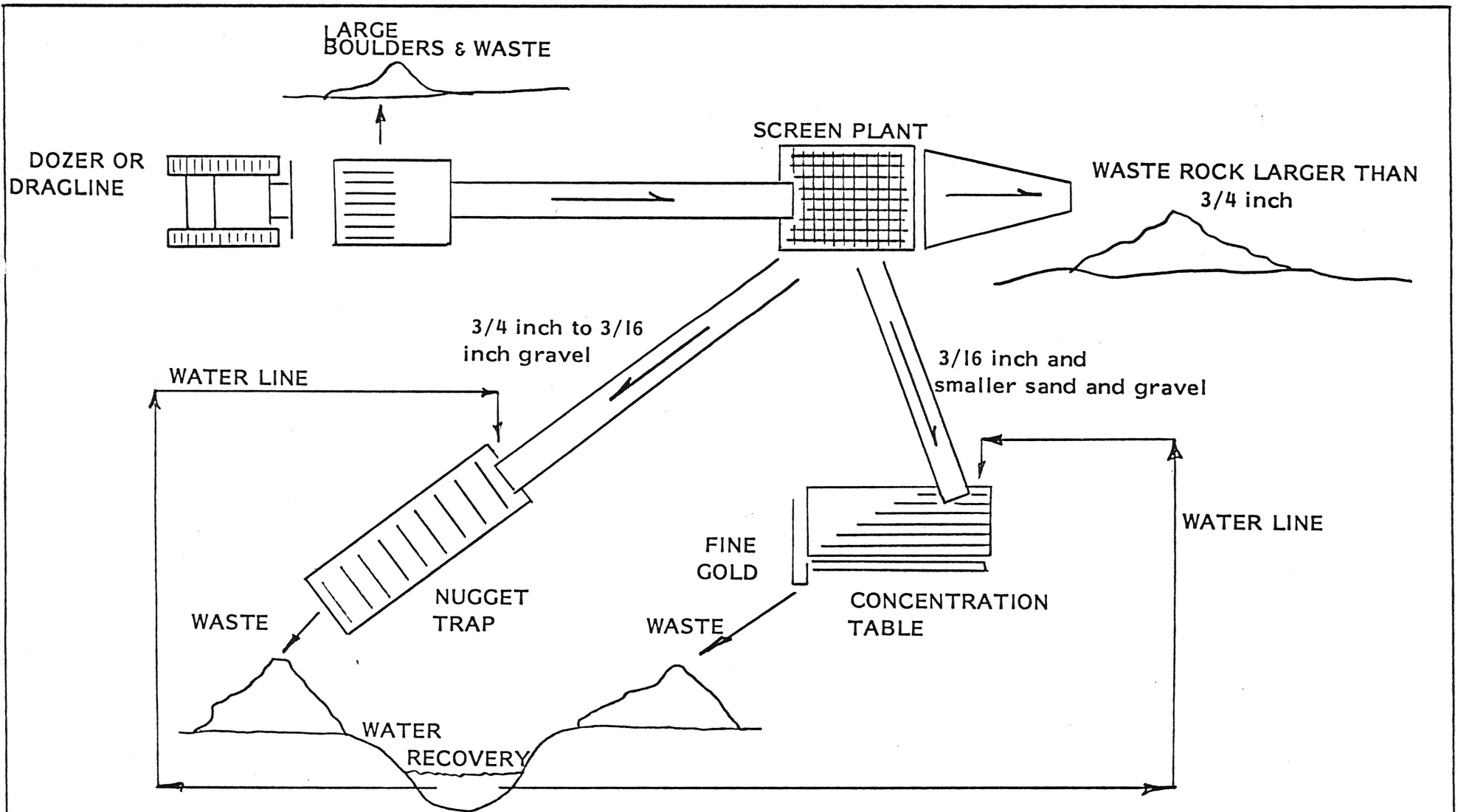
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Jeep Trail



1 inch = 145 feet





TYPICAL PLACER GRAVEL PLANT & GRAVITY CONCENTRATOR

fig 1

COLUMN WRITE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	PHASE II PLAN				EQUIP/				
	OCTAVE PLACER	DIRECT	LABOR	LABOR	CONTR.	MAT'LS		SUB	TOTAL
	EXPLORATION ONLY	COST	MAN/DAY	COST	COST			TOTAL	
1	TRAVEL	650							650
2	PLAN LAYOUT ON CLAIMS		3	240		60			300
3	BULLDOZE TRENCHES				720				720
4	MEASURE & MAPS TRENCHES)		---						---
5	TAKE SAMPLES (Incl.)		6	480		50			530
6	WATER SURVEY		2	160					160
7	SCREEN & CLASSIFY		4	320		300			640
8	ASSAY SCREEN CONC.				1 000				1 000
9	SLUICE CONC. FR. SCREENS		4	320					320
10	ASSAY CONC.				500				500
11	DETAIL MAPPING		3	450					450
12	DATA CORRELATION		2	300					300
13	STAGE 2 PLANNING		2	300					300
14	EXPENSES	720							720
15	RENTAL-TRUCK	600							600
16	SUB-TOTAL STAGE 1	1970		2 570	2 220	410		7 190	
17									
18	TRAVEL	650							650
19	AUTO RENTAL	300							300
20	EXPENSES	500							500
21	LOADER				360				360
22	DUMP TRUCK				80				80
23	SCREENING		1.5	15	150	150			300
24	HAUL CONC.				80	50			130
25	ASSAYS				200				200
26	ENGR.		5	750					750
27	CONCENTRATION TESTS				2 000				2 000
28	SUB-TOTAL STAGE 2	1450		765	2 870	200		5 285	
29	MISC. & 20% CONTINGENCY	2525						2525	2 525
30	TOTAL	5945		3335	5 090	200			15 000

DESCRIPTION: Located in the Weaver Mining district, the property consists of eight placer claims approximating a total of 160 acres. The claims are to the south and west of the Octave/Calgrey dump leaching facility which occupies a portion of the property. The property is bounded on the north, west, and south by mining claims of others and on the east by the high ridges of the Weaver Mountains. See Plate I & II.

CONFLICTS: Certain portions of the claims are being utilized for a dump leaching operation which has been in operational development by HMR for several months. This area eliminates approximately 10 acres of the placer claims. Title to an additional area of 80 plus acres has been questioned by third parties and while council feels a favorable judgment is forthcoming in the immediate future, this area will receive minimal priority until the conflict is resolved. Primary attention will be directed to the 40 acres of the south east quadrant of the claim group. (Not In Conflict.)

AREA HISTORY: The Weaver and adjacent Rich Hill placers are in Yavapai County Arizona on the southern margin of the Weaver Mountains. The eastern boundary is Weaver Creek and Antelope Creek is on the west.

Placer gold was discovered in the 1860's and produced about \$500,000 in the five years following. The loose gold found underneath boulders and in rock crevices on Rich Hill was easily gathered but more work was required to work the creek gravels. A settlement grew up and flourished but is now ruins. The old cemetery is near the claims. Prior to 1883 one million dollars was taken from a single acre. As time progressed the easy to recover gold became progressively difficult and the hand mining and panning dwindled with only \$64,000 being produced between 1934 to 1949. Minor amounts of sluicing and dry washing have been carried on since that time.

Gold found in the area has a fineness of 910 with some significant nuggets occasionally being found up to 3 ounces in weight. A single nugget of near 10 ounces was found near the Octave. Away from the margin of the mountain, coarse gold was progressively rare.²

GEOLOGY²: The Weaver Mountains are made up of granite and schist overlain by sediments and lava of a younger period. The placer ore covers about 40 square miles, the richest of which is the northern portion including the top of Rich Hill. Rich Hill rises 2,000 feet above the plain and is primarily granite. In places the granite is traversed by thin lenticular quartz veins carrying pyrite, galena, and gold. The top of Rich Hill is a mesa evidently representing a remnant

SOUTH END OF OCTAVE PLACER LOOKING NORTH

