

["The Doctor" and "The Trapper" Placer]

Form FWP-M-501

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Small Metal Mining Questionnaire

TOPIC:

COUNTY: Mineral

WORKER: Pearl B. Crane

DATE: June 16, 1939

Miners at work: No

1. Name of mine: "The Doctor" and "The Trapper" Placer
2. Type of mine (placer, quartz, etc.): Placer
3. Approximate distance from Superior: Ten miles
4. Location. (Locate as closely as possible with reference to creeks, gulches, towns, roads, etc.) East from Superior to Cedar Creek, then up Cedar Creek to point about one mile above the Intermountain Mine (formerly "Amador") on the Forest Road.
5. Principle components of ore (gold, silver, lead, zinc)

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6. Number of men employed: Understand there will be men sent there within the next few days by Dr. W. J. Doyle of Superior to do the assessment work.

7. Name of person in charge of work at mine: Dr. W. J. Doyle, Superior, Montana

8. Miscellaneous data: These claims are recent locations, May 3, 1932, but were originally "Forest Placer" and Georey Claim" located March 3, 1887 and April 2, 1897, by George Conford and others. Mr. Conford had a store and postoffice "Forest City" and he distributed mail from there as late as 1905, though the postoffice had been discontinued. The Government marker at this point says "Louisville". However, DeVern G. Wilkinson, who packed up there years ago, states that it was known to him as Forest City. The present locations of The Doctor and The Trapper are in the name of C. D. Livingston. In May 1926 H. W. Higley located "Alpine" Quartz Lode in which the following appears "from N. E. Cor. No. 1 of this claim the Higley Residence bears South 700 feet. The Alpine bungalow is on the old site where the store and postoffice were conducted by Mr. Conford. The old Forest Placer claim was located March 25, 1887 by Lewis Barrett, George Conford, Alphonse Laccasse and Tiffle Laccasse. (Louisville should be marked up the creek farther, about the American Gold Mine).

9. Source of information (give location of document or name and address of person interviewed.)

Location Records in Clerk & Records office, Superior, Volume "A" page 54 and 62. Other claims located by Mr. Conford and others on pages 73, 153, and 279.