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17. Placer: Gold Circle (Midas) district

Location: North of Squaw Valley between Midas Creek and Squaw
Creek. T. 39 N., R. 46 E.

Topographic maps: Midas 7½-minute quadrangle.

Geologic maps: Rött, E. H., Jr., 1931, ^{Geologic map} Ore deposits of the

Gold Circle mining district, Elko County, Nevada;

Nevada Bur. Mines Bull. 12, (plate 1), ^{scale 1" = 1000'}

Access: From Winnemucca, Humboldt County, 18 miles east on

^{Inter. State 80}

~~U.S. Highway 40~~ to junction with State Highway 18; from

there Midas is 42 miles northeast on State Highway 18.

The mining area is accessible by numerous light-duty and
dirt roads from Midas.

Extent: No information has been found which describes the
location or extent of the placers in the Gold Circle district.

The placers are probably located in the same vicinity as the
lode mines which are found in the low hills south and
east of Midas (SW¼ T. 39 N., R. 46 E.).

Production: ^{factory} The recorded production from the Gold Circle

district occurred in 1911-12, 1920-21, and 1941. The deposits and the ^{mining} ~~methods of working them~~ ^{was} not described.

Source: ~~The origin of the~~ ^{ded from} placer gold was probably erosion ~~of~~

the gold-silver veins which occur in volcanic rocks in the area. The ore deposits in the volcanic rocks formed about 15 m.y. ago (Miocene). Without accurate locations of the placers, it is impossible to ascertain which veins were the probable source.

Literature:

^{Rott}
~~Rott~~, 1931: Describes lode mines in the district in detail.

Roberts and others, 197 : Dates mineralization in district.