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18. Placer: Jarbidge district

Location: Along the Jarbidge River, north of the Jarbidge  
Mountains. T. 45-47 N., R. 58 E.

Topographic maps: Jarbidge 15-minute quadrangle

Geologic maps: Coats, 1964, Geologic map of the Jarbidge  
quadrangle, Nevada-Idaho (pl. 1), scale 1:62,500.

Access: From Elko, 26 miles northeast on Interstate 80 to  
Deeth. From there it is about 46 miles north on a dirt road  
to the site of Charleston. A dirt road crosses the mountains  
east of Charleston to Jarbidge, a distance of about 16 miles;  
from Jarbidge, dirt roads parallel the river north of the  
town. Jarbidge is more easily accessible from Idaho.

Extent: Minor amounts of placer gold have been recovered from  
gravels along the Jarbidge River, especially north of the  
town of Jarbidge (T. 46 N., R. 58 E.). Residual soils  
adjacent to lode mines on the west side of the Jarbidge  
Mountains between Snowslide Gulch (sec. 3, T. 45 N., R. 58 E.)  
and Jack Gulch (sec. 4, T. 46 N., R. 58 E.) also have yielded  
placer gold. The gold in the placers is very fine in size  
and has not formed economic concentrations--some reports  
state that the gold is so fine it floats away in water.

1        Production history: Placer production from the Jarbidge district  
2        has been very small primarily because of the very fine size  
3        of the gold and consequent difficulties in its recovery.

4        Source: The ore deposits of the Jarbidge district are gold-silver  
5-        fissures and veins in Tertiary volcanic rocks; these are the  
6        probable source of the placer deposits.

7        Literature:

8        Buckley, 1911: Distribution, size, and shape of placer gold  
9        in the Jarbidge River; distribution of residual gold in  
10-        soils; sketch map shows location of mines and placer  
11        claims.

12        Schrader, 1912: Notes absence of workable placer deposits;  
13        discusses distribution of fine gold in stream gravels;  
14        prospecting activity in 1910; number of colors of fine  
15-        gold per pan; indicates areas where economic concentra-  
16        tions of gold might be found."

17        \_\_\_\_\_ 1923: Notes presence of minor occurrence placer gold  
18        deposits along Jarbidge River and East Fork; reasons  
19        for lack of placer deposits.