

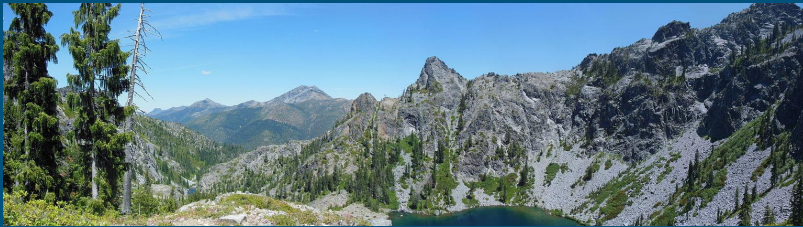


# THE CURRY GOLD RUSH

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# THE GOLD RUSH ARRIVES IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON

- Oregon's Gold Rush began in 1851.
- Siskiyou Mountains in the south contain active deposits of lode and placer.



# THE MINER'S CODE OF OREGON

"Know all men by these Presents: That we, the miners of Waldo and Althouse in Oregon Territory, being in convention assembled for the purpose of making rules to regulate our rights as miners, do hereby on the first day of April, 1852, ordain and adopt the following rules and regulations to govern this camp. →

"Resolved, 1st. That 50 cubic yards shall constitute a claim on the bed of the creek extending to high water on each side.

"Resolved, 2nd. That forty feet shall constitute a bank or bar claim on the face extending back to the hill or mountain.

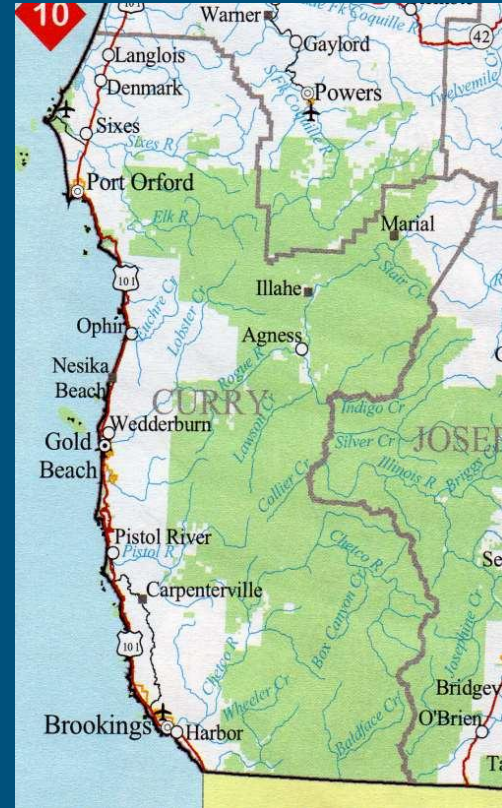
"Resolved, 3rd. That all claims not worked when workable, after five days, be forfeited or jumpable.

"Resolved, 4th. That all disputes arising from mining claims shall be settled by arbitration, and the decision shall be final."

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# MINING OUR WAY THROUGH CURRY COUNTY

- Settlements were established along wild rivers.
  - Rogue
  - Sixes
- Major Cities in Curry County
  - Gold Beach
  - Port Orford



Cited from *a century of Coos and Curry*

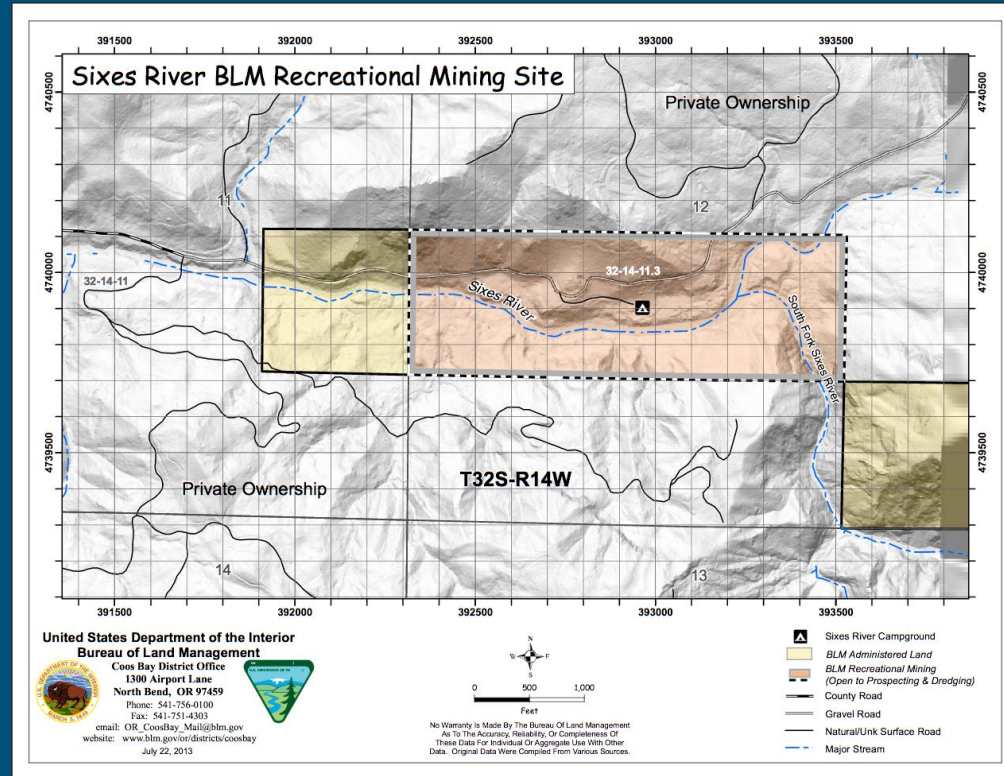


## MAIN MINING OPERATIONS

- ❑ Johnson Creek
- ❑ Black sands
- ❑ Whiskey Run
- ❑ Salmon Mountain Mine (1880-1890)

# SIXES MINING OPERATIONS

- Jake Summers discovers gold in the 1850s.
- Major Mining Operations:
  - Corbin Property
  - Sunrise Mining Co
  - Eggleston Mine



# WHISKEY RUN

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- Bovine and Summers discover it
- Many workers joined in
- \$80,000 found in 20x20 plot



# LOST SOLDIERS MINE

- Discovered by soldiers in the mountains around Coquille
- Has been found multiple times since
- Location unknown



# HOW THEY MINED IN THE 1800's

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- Lode mining was simple
- Hydraulic pressure washing
- Panning
- Gold “runs”



[http://sixes.net/351/index.php?c=sixes&s=y&id=sixes\\_\\_modern\\_sixes\\_placer\\_mine\\_south\\_fork\\_front&p=1&p=1&view=file](http://sixes.net/351/index.php?c=sixes&s=y&id=sixes__modern_sixes_placer_mine_south_fork_front&p=1&p=1&view=file)

# EARLY PORT ORFORD

- 50% of miners were chinese
  - Chinese could not own mines
  - Most miners did not become successful
  - Port orford's economy was very fluctuating
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# TENSION WITH NATIVES (1854)

- The Nasomah Massacre of 1854
  - Sexual assaults on native women increase tension
- An altercation with a ferry man and a native Nasomah
  - Roughly 40 men attacked
  - About 21 indians killed



# CONCLUSION

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The gold rush in Curry spurred our economy and was the main source of money other than logging at this time. Most miners didn't strike rich in gold but they did strike rich in culture, and you can see the history today.

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