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2. Name unknow

3. Oro Fino Placer

4. Porter Brothers Dredge

Quarter

GMS-28

Greenhorn Quadrangle, Baker and Grant Counties, Oregon M.L. Ferns and others

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MINERAL DEPOSITS

of the Greenhorn district. Total gold production, using historical values of gold and silver at the time of mining, is estimated at \$3.8 million, with a lode production of about \$2.2 million and a placer production of about \$1.6 million. Chromite and cinnabar are also found in the quadrangle. About 18 tons of chromite ore was produced from the Winterville deposit (79) during World War II. No mercury production has been The bulk of the lode production was from the Bonanza Mine, which is on a northwest-striking quartz vein in argillite. An additional small amount of gold was produced from generally discontinuous stringers and pockets in chert and in serpentine and gabbro. The more persistent northwest-striking veins are in argillite and chert and tend to parallel major structures in the pre-Tertiary rocks. The north- and northeaststriking veins in the Greenhorn area are generally in gabbro and serpentine and are of limited lateral extent, although the Belcher vein is in greenstone and is reportedly traceable for 1,400 ft (Pardee and Hewett, 1914). Known mines and prospects are located on the map by numbers that correspond to the list of names and locations in Table 1. A check of patent plats and other maps indicated that some mines and prospects are misnamed on the topographic base map. These errors have been corrected wherever possible. Some of the names of lesser known mines and prospects were found in the literature and on old property maps. Because

Township Range Geologi Section (South) (East) Elevation (ft) formation

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Gold and silver have been the major mineral products of the quadrangle, which covers the eastern half

veins and prospect excavations were not observed. The major producer in the quadrangle was the Bonanza Mine, which produced about \$1.75 million, mostly ng the period of 1892-1904. The production came from a composite quartz vein in argillite which strikes N. 55° W. and dips steeply to the southwest. The major ore shoot attained a maximum horizontal length of 800 ft and was mined to a depth of 1,000 ft below the outcrop. According to Lindgren (1901, p. 701): "The ore body as a whole forms a mass of clay slate traversed by quartz veins and seams of all sizes Though the pay streak averages only 5 to 6 feet, it swelled in places up to 40 feet by the appearance of a vast number of quartz stringers." The area immediately adjoining the old town site of Robinsonville yielded about \$200,000 in gold from near-surface veins. Here many rich pockets of free gold, some with galena, chalcopyrite, and dolomite, occurred in quartz veins in metagabbro and serpentine. Although several of these veins were heavily veloped, the deposits apparently failed to persist to depth. Pardee and Hewett (1914, p. 25) suggest that these deposits were formed in part due to secondary enrichment during a period of erosion prior to deposition of the overlying Tertiary basalts. Placer deposits in the quadrangle include the rich residual and gulch placers in the immediate vicinity of Greenhorn, consolidated Tertiary gravels such as those at Parkerville, and channel and bench gravels along the modern stream channels.

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Geologic description

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Placer, Olive Creek stream channe

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Table 1. MINES AND PROSPECTS IN THE GREENHORN QUADRANGLE

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5. Paymaster Group Quartz and calcite stringers in chloritic metagabbro 300-ft adit Sixteen-To-One 00-ft adit 7. Big Elk, Olive Butte About 400 ft of workings in two a Limonitic guartz breccia in silicified argillit 8. Altona onitic breccla zone with quartz and calcite stringers in meta- Shallow shaft and short adi 9. Kelly Group, Double Eagle About 400 ft of workings anitic dikes in greenstone and tuffaceous argillite 10. Name unknown Quartz and carbonate stringers in argiilite and talcose ultramafic 11. White Wonde Gouge zone with quartz, calcite, and pyrite. Strikes N. 30° E. 12. Little Blue Buck Shallow inclined shaft with about 300 ft of workings Quartz vein up to 40 ft wide in metagabbro and serpentine. Strikes VE., dips 60° E. 14. Belcher 6,160 Shear zone up to 3½ ft wide with quartz dolomite, marcasite, and Over 3,000 ft of workings manganese oxides. Strikes N. 30° E.; dips 65° SE. 15. Royal White cedony. Strikes About 300 ft of working ein 1 to 3 ft wide of chert breccia cemented by chalcedony. Strike 1. 40° E. Dips steeply west. Iron and manganese oxides commo bout \$7.50 16. Black Hawk, Myer Limonitic guartz vein In greenstone. Strikes N About 600 ft of workings on three levels 17. American Grou TePer Limonitic shear zone in argillite. Strikes NE. Eureka Placer, Olive Creek Placer About 1 acre mined Channel gravels 19. Name unknown Limonitic quartz vein in silicified chert and argillite. Strikes N. 45° W., Trenches and pits Pmv, Quartz vein with pyrite in hornfelsed metavolcanics and quartz-Kli diorite dikes. Strikes N. 30° E. 20. Tone Spring, Olive Group 5,500 Limonitic quartz vein in homfelsed metavolcanics and chert along About 500 ft of workings in two adits contact with quartz diorite 21. Black Bart, Olive Creek About 200 ft in short adit 22. Name unknow Quartz veins in greenstone Massive quartz veins and altered quartz-diorite dikes along contact About 400 ft of workings between silicified argillite and greenstone 23. Name unknown TePer Narrow quartz veins and limonitic shear zones in silicified argillite Trenches and pits 25. Pyx 5,760 TePer Limonitic shear zones in silicified argillite. Strike N. 65°-70° W. Over 1,200 ft of workings on three levels Unknown, unverified reports of \$300,000 early production 26, Placer 6,200 Qal Reworked Tertiary gravel in channel of Lightning Creek Quartz vein in metagabbro. Strikes N. 15° E., dips NW. Quartz vein in metagabbro. Strikes N. 35° E. Nearly vertical dip 280-ft shaft with about 1,000 ft of drift 30. Aurora Along contact between serpentine and greenstor Short adit and shallow shaft 31. Eureka, Junebu 6,200 Quartz vein in serpentine and argillite Two short adits and shallow sha 32. Ophir, Spero? 6,200 Pgb Quartz vein up to 4 ft wide in metadiorite. Strikes N. 30° E Shaft with 300 ft of workings Unknown 33. Forty-nine Jim Quartz vein in metagabbro. Strikes NE 34. Humboldt Quartz vein in metagabbro. Strikes NE Shaft with about 300 ft of working 35. Nashville Quartz veins in metagabbro. Strike NE. About 300 ft of workings 36. Virginia Limonitic quartz vein in metagabbro. Strikes NE Estimated \$20,00 37. Red Bird Limonitic quartz veins in sheared gabbro and diorite 515 ft of workings including an 80-ft shaf Estimated \$12,0 38. Owl Two limonitic quartz veins in sheared metagabbro near serpentine 60-ft shaft with 300 ft of workings contact. Strike N. 30°-45° W., dip 75° S. Estimated \$13.89 6,040 5,960 6,000 5,760 5,760 Quartz vein in metadiorite. Strikes N. 10° E., dips 70° E. 39. Rabbit 40. Placer About 1,000 ft of workings Estimated \$40,000 Channel gravels About 1 acre placered 41. Name unkno wo short adits In metagabbro Zone of chalcedonic guartz veinlets in service 2. Name unknown Shallow pit 43. 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Name unkno Quartz veins with dolomite, free gold, chalcopyrite, and galena in Three adits totaling about 2,700 ft repentine. Strikes NW., dips 50°-70° NE. Estimated \$75,000 prior to 1916 55. Golden Eagle 56. Placer 5,520 5,280 Small area mined 57. Morning Glory? Quartz veins in serpentine along contact with argillite and Reportedly 1,200 ft of working Quartz veins in serpentine along contact with argillite and 58. Name unknown Two short adit Quartz veins in serpentine along contact with argillite and graywacke 59. Gold Coin? 5,320 About 1,000 ft of workings 60. Name unknown 5,880 Limonitic quartz vein with talc and carbonate in serpentine 50-ft adit and shallow shaf 1. Dawson Place 5,360 5,000 Small area mined Qal Channel gravels of Slab Creek and Burnt River 62. Triangle Dredge About 11/2 mi of channel worked by dragline dredge 63. Gold Bullion 64. Listen Lake, Pine Tree Group sp, Pgb Shaft with about 300 ft of wor About 1 acre mined 65. McNamee Gulch place Qal Channel gravels TePer, Quartz veln in argillite along contact with serpentine. Strikes Adit about 400 ft long so N, 50° W. 66. Blackbird? 5,400 Composite quartz vein up to 4 ft wide in argillite along contact with Short adit serpentine 67. White Elephan 5,360 Narrow quartz veins and limonitic shear zones in silicified chert and Three short adits and a 300-ft shaft argiilite. Strike N. 15°-20° W. 68. Richmond TaPer 69. Bonanza Composite quartz vein up to 40 ft wide in carbonaceous argillite. Strikes N. 55° W., dips steeply SW. About 18,000 ft of workings extended the outcrop ending to a depth of 1,200 ft below Est. \$1,750,000 mainly during 1892-1904 0. Keystone Be Adit totaling about 200 ft Quartz stringers in carbonaceous argillite 5,400 5,000 TAPer In chert and argillite 72. Crown Point In chert and argillite Opaline quartz in a shear zone about 2 ft wide in Tertiary vol-caniclastic sediments. Strikes N. 40° E. 73. Name unknown 5,120 Shallow pits Buried Tertiary channel gravels About 5 acres placered Est. \$150,000 74. Parkerville 75. Lucky Boy In metavolcanics Shallow shaft Unknown Composite quartz vein in argillite parallels serpentine contact Strikes N. 70° E. 76. Name unknown None 4,880 TAPer, Shallow pits and trenche 7. Brandy Quartz vein in epidote amphi 78. Diamond Jack, Winterville Placer Tertiary channel gravels Est. \$55,000 prior to 1900 Several acres placere About 18 tons of chromite 9. Winterville Chron 80. Golden Boy, Winterville Placer Tertiary channel gravels About 1 acre placered Production included under No. 78 4,960 Chromite lens in serpentin Small trench 1. Chrome prospec 2. Tobias Placer Quaternary bench gravel Small production in 1982 Quaternary channel gravels along North Fork of Burnt River and About 4 mi of stream channel worked by bucketline dredge extending into the adjacent Whitney quadrangle 83. Sunshine Dredge Placer 351/2 4,360 Qal 4,457 oz Au and 902 oz Ag during 1941-42 and 1945-46 NW 10 11 35 4,720 Ts Small area of chalcedonic and opaline guartz in andesite 84. Name unknown Small prospect pits None REFERENCES 1. Lindgren, W., 1901, The gold beit of the Blue Mountains of Oregon: U.S. Geological Survey Twenty-second Annual Report, pt. 2, p. 551-776. 2. Pardee, J.T., and Hewett, D.F., 1914, Geology and mineral resources of the Sumpter quadrangle, Oregon: Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, and Mineral Industries, 1940, Oregon metal mines handbook, (northeastern Oregon, west half): Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1940, Oregon metal mines handbook, (northeastern Oregon, west half): Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Bulletin 14-B, 157 p. 8. Brooks, H.C., 1963, Quicksliver in Oregon: Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Bulletin 55, p. 212.

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Geologic Cross Sections The subsurface representation of the ophiolite and associated rock units in the cross sections is largely schematic.

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