

of gold and 22,534 ounces of silver from 4,600 tons of ore.

**GMS-29** Geology and Gold Deposits Map of the Northeast Quarter of the Bates Quadrangle, Baker and Grant Counties, Oregon H.C. Brooks and others Funded in part by United States Department of Agriculture - U.S. Forest Service

MINERAL DEPOSITS

Table 1. MINES AND PROSPECTS IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE BATES QUADRANGLE

Gold and silver from quartz veins and placer deposits have been the major mineral products of the quadrangle, which includes the western part of the Greenhorn mining district. Small amounts of copper, lead, and zinc have been recovered as byproducts of the gold and silver mining. One mine produced a small amount of mercury. Dollar values of production presented here and in Table 1 are based on metal prices at the time of mining. Known mines and prospects are located on the map by numbers that correspond to those in Table 1. Because of time constraints, mapping traverses were as much as half a mile apart, and it is likely that many small veins and prospect excavations were not observed. The historical information and data on individual mines in the following paragraphs are largely from Lindgren (1901), Swartley (1914), and Brooks and Ramp (1968).

Total value of gold and silver output from the mines in the quadrangle has been about \$725,000, with much of the production being in silver. The total placer production is believed to have been relatively small. Over half of the recorded production (\$425,000) came from the silver and gold ores at the Ben Harrison Mine (5). The lode gold and silver production has been from narrow, steeply dipping veins and mineralized shear zones developed mainly by underground workings.

Mineralized quartz veins were discovered in the vicinity of Sunrise Butte and Ben Harrison Peak in the 1870's. At that time the town of Greenhorn was near Dupratt Spring. The veins in this area are characterized by relatively high silver to gold contents of the ores. They occur in quartz diorite and granodiorite (unit KJI) and in adjacent hornfelsed host rocks including argillite and sandstones (unit TPa), gabbro (unit Pgb), greenstone (unit Pmv), and serpentine (unit sp). Metallic minerals are mainly pyrite, arsenopyrite, and sphalerite with minor local concentrations of galena, tetrahedrite, silver sulfides, and gold. Most of the veins strike northeasterly. The Ben Harrison Mine (5), which operated intermittently from 1913 to 1937, has a recorded production of about \$425,000. The Ben Harrison vein is a north-striking zone of brecciated quartz diorite up to 21 ft in width. The main ore shoot was a lenticular zone of brecciated and silicified quartz diorite with lenses and stringers of argentiferous sulfides, all cemented by late-stage, barren white quartz. The ore minerals include pyrite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, stibnite, tetrahedrite, pyrargyrite, and stephanite. The ratio of silver to gold varied from 5:1 to 50:1, and the value of gold extracted rom the mine approximately equaled the value of silver extracted. In 1917 the mine produced 977 ounces

Among the earlier producers in this area, the Morris Mine (16) is credited with a production of \$15,000 in silver and \$3,400 in gold in 1891. The Tempest Mine (28) produced about 180 tons of silver-gold ore in the late 1800's. The mine was active with small production in 1980-1982. The main vein at the Tempest consists of a shear zone up to 4 ft wide in which strongly sericitized and kaolinized granodiorite is cut by lenses and stringers of quartz with arsenopyrite, pyrite, sphalerite, and tetrahedrite. The vein strikes N 35° E. At the Bi-Metallic (34) and Intermountain (14) Mines, vein mineralization in metagabbro and diorite consists of pyrite and silver-bearing tetrahedrite with little other sulfides. Quartz veins with molybdenite locally fill joints and other small fractures in quartz diorite (unit KJI) in the Sunrise Butte-Ben Harrison Peak area. Scheelite occurs in quartz stringers and veinlets in hornfelsed argillite at the Thornton prospect (55). About \$250,000 in gold has been produced from small mines near the heads of Snow Creek and Vinegar Creek in T. 10 S., Rs. 34 and 35 E. Some of the better known properties are the Morning (50), Snow Creek (43), and Psyche (46) Mines. Gold occurs in small, locally high-grade lensoid ore shoots in discontinuous

characteristically consists of pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and free gold in a gangue of white quartz and carbonate. Little information is available for most of these mines. The Psyche (46), Snow Creek (43), Banzette (41), Roberts (60), Morning (50), Diadem (45), Worley (40), and Windsor (47) are all credited with small productions. The Snow Creek Mine (43) is reported to have produced about \$52,000 during the period 1902-1905. Mineralization occurs in a fracture zone along a contact between argillite on one side and serpentine and gabbro on the other. The vein strikes from N. 60° W. to W. and dips 50° to 75° S. The vein varies from 2 to 10 ft in width with large amounts of barren white quartz and lenses rich in galena. chalcopyrite, and pyrite. Stringers of drusy chalcedony and carbonate also are present. At the Morning Mine (50), quartz veins with free gold, pyrite, chalcopyrite, and sphalerite occur as fracture fillings in a northeast-trending quartz diorite porphyry dike along the contact between greenstone and serpentine. This deposit was discovered in 1893 and has had a total production of about \$20,000; 514 ounces of gold were recovered from ore shipments in 1903 and 1941-1942. Gold to silver ratio was about 1:3. About three flasks of mercury were produced from the Paramount Mine (42) at the head of Snow Creek

in the 1940's (Brooks, 1963). Here cinnabar occurs as scattered grains and impregnations in chalcedony veinlets in sheared serpentine. Cinnabar also reportedly is associated with pyrite in an east-trending shear zone in greenstone at the Diadem Mine (45).

no. prospect name 1. Kingston Lode, part of Registered	section SW	Section 34	(South) 9	(East) 34	(ft) 7,080	formation ThPa, sp	Geologic description Surface and/or underground workings 2-ft-wide quartz vein with pyrite, assenopyrite, galena, Two adits totaling about 500 ft	Past production Small
<ul> <li>Portland Consolidated</li> <li>Silver King, part of Portland Consolidated</li> </ul>	sw	34	9	34	7,200	TaPa, KJi	and sphalerite in hornfelsed argillite. Strikés N. 15° E. 4-ft-wide quartz vein in hornfelsed argillite strikes Two adits totaling about 150 ft N. 15° E.	Small
3. Smuggler Group	SE SW	34 35	9	34 34	7,080 7,400	TAPa TAPa	Quartz vein with sulfides Shallow shaft	Unknown
<ol> <li>Smuggler Group</li> <li>Ben Harrison</li> </ol>	NE	35	9	34 34	6,600	яра KJi	Quartz vein with streaks of pyrite strikes N.       300-ft adit and 30-ft shaft         Breccia zone up to 21½ ft wide in granodiorite strikes N.       3° E. and dips 67° E. Sericitized breccia and gouge         cemented and partly replaced by quartz. Minerals       More than 4,000 ft of workings in two adits and shaft         nuclude calcite, pyrite, stibuite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite,       Breccia conception and charts and shaft	Unknown Est. \$425,000
6. King Tut	NW	31	9	35	6,200	Pmv	pyrargyrite, and stephanite Quartz vein with pyrite and tetrahedrite in hornfelsed Shallow pits and short adits greenstone strikes N. 10° E., dips 85° W.	Small
7. Name unknown	NW	33	9	35	5,880	Pgb. sp	Gossan zone in silicified metagabbro Shallow pits	None
8. Sterling	NW	33	9	35	5,800	ħΡa, sp	30-ft-wide limonitic quartz-argillite breccia zone with drusy quartz strikes N. 30° E.	None
9. Redstone 10. Amazon? 11. Little Giant	SW SE NE	33 33 5	9 9 10	35 35 35	5,840 5,920 6,040	sp TaPa, sp TaPa, sp	Limonitic shear zone with quartz and talc Short adit In argilitie and serpentine 300-ft adit Zone of crushed argilite up to 20 ft wide with stringers of quartz and botryoidal chalcedony Over 1,100 ft of workings in two adits	None Unknown Smałł
12. Silver Tip Group 13. Silver Tip Group	NE NE	6	10 10	35 35	7,440 7,280	KJi TaPa	1-ft-wide quartz vein in quartz diorite strikes N. 40° E. Open cut on old adit 4-ft-wide composite quartz vein in hornfelsed argiilite Open cuts on two old adits total about 600 ft	Unknown Unknown
14. Intermountain	SE	6	10	35	7,200	Pgb	strikes N. 15° W. 10-ft-wide zone of silicified gabbro with quartz stringers, Old adit and several large new open cuts	Est. \$5.000+
15. Morris, Gillam tunnel	sw	1	10	34	7,200	TePa, KJi	Imonite, and copper sulfides strikes N. 20° E. Brecciated quartz veins up to 15 in. in width carrying pyrite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, galena, and tetrahedrite strike N. 35° E.	Est. \$48,400
16. Morris, Thornburg tunnel	SW	1	10	34	7,200	TaPa, KJi	Three north-trending quartz veins with pyrite, arseno- 400-ft crosscut with drifts	Unknown
17. Pride of Pendleton	SW	1	10	34	7,440	ħPa	pyrite, sphalerite, galena, and tetrahedrite In hornfelsed argillite and limestone Short adit	Unknown
18. Tiger 19. Name unknown	sw	2	10	34 34	7,080	KJI	Quartz veinlets with arsenopyrite, pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, and tetrahedrite       Two short adits         Quartz vein with molybdenite       Trenches and pits	Unknown None
20. Silver Bell (Potosi)	NW	2	10	34	7,000	KJi	Three guartz veins with pyrite, arsenopyrite, and tetrahedrite in granodiorite strike N. 20° E. Quarta wein with proceeding arsenopyrite grane and a shallow shaft	Est. \$4,000
21. Savage (Potosi)	NW	2	10	34	7,120	KJI, TAPa	Quartz vein with massive pyrite, arsenopyrite, galena, 75-ft adit and sphalerite in quartz diorite and hornfelsed argilite	Unknown
22. Silver Hilltop 23. Name unknown	SE	3	10 10	34 34	6,880 7,400	KJI KJI	Three northeast-striking quartz veins         Short adit           Quartz vein with molybdenite         Short adit	Unknown None
24. Flying Dutchman, Carbonate Group	NE	3	10	34	7,440	KJI	Quartz vein in granodiorite Shallow trenches	Unknown
25. Carbonate	NW	3	10	34	7,160	KJi, sp	Composite quartz vein with pyrite, sphalerite, and ar- senopyrite in hornfelsed ultramafics and granodiorite strikes N. 50° E.	Small
26. Chloride	SW	3	10	34	7,200	KJI	Quartz vein with arsenopyrite, pyrite, sphalerite, and Short adit galena	Small
27. Bowman (Molybdenite) 28. Tempest	SW	3 10	10 10	34 34	7,400 6,600	KJI	Northeast-striking quartz veinlets with molybdenite Short adits Northeast-striking quartz veins with tetrahedrite, Several short adits	None Est. 400 tons of silver ore
29. Quick Action (Ornament)	SW	11	10	34	6,240	TePa, sp	sphalerite, pyrite, and arsenopyrite 5-ft-wide quartz vein with massive pyrite, chalcopyrite, Three adits tetrahedrite, and galena in hornfelsed argiilite strikes N.	Small
30. Name unknown	NW	12	10	34	7,360	Pmv, Pgb	60° E. Limonitic zone in silicified metagabbro Two short adits	None
<ol> <li>Lucy Group</li> <li>Lucy Group (Vinegar Basin)</li> </ol>	SE	12 7	10 10	34 35	7,360 7,040	Pmv sp, TaPa	Limonitic quartz vein with calcite 200-ft adit In serpentine and argillite 100-ft adit	None None
<ol> <li>Chrome prospect</li> <li>Bi-Metallic (Intrinsic)</li> </ol>	NW	7 7	10 10	35 35	7,560 6,840	sp Pgb, sp, APa	Chromite pod in serpentine Shallow pit Two quartz veins with pyrite, arsenopyrite, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite in metamorphosed quartz diorite, argillite, and serpentine. Some molyb-	Unknown Small
35. Name unknown	NW	8	10	35	6,640	sp	denite disseminated in wall rocks 2-ft-wide limonitic gouge zone with talc and guartz in Short adit	Unknown
36. Name unknown	NE	e	10	35	6,640	sp	serpentine strikes N. 75° E. Gouge zone in serpentine strikes N. 65° W. Prospect pits	None
37. Name unknown	SW	8	10	35	7,480	sp	Limonitic gouge zone with quartz and carbonate in ser- Prospect pits pentine strikes NE.	None
<ol> <li>Name unknown</li> <li>Name unknown</li> </ol>	SE	8 9	10 10	35 35	7,000 6,560	sp Pmv, sp	Limonitic talc-carbonate zone in serpentine Prospect pits Quartz vein in greenstone Short adit	None Unknown
40. Worley (Greenhorn)	NE	16	10	35	6,440	Pmv, sp	Limonitic breccia zone with quartz in greenstone Four shafts with about 600 ft of workings	Unknown; 3,000 tons of or reportedly shipped in late 1800'
41. Banzette	NW	16	10	35	6,320	Pmv, sp	Ouartz vein with chalcopyrite and galena in talcose ser- pentine 1,000-ft adit and 100-ft shaft	Est. \$5,000
42. Paramount (Golden Fleece)	NW	16	10	35	6,600	sp	Limonitic chalcedonic quartz stringers with cinnabar in 300-ft adit and shallow pits serpentine strike NW.	Three flasks of mercury
43. Snow Creek	SW	16	10	35	6,080	sp. Pmv. TaPa	Limonitic gouge zone in serpentine with quartz, talc, carbonate, galena, and chalcopyrite	
<ol> <li>Banner</li> <li>Diadem, Brindle Horse</li> </ol>	SW	16 17	10 10	35 35	6,360 6,880	sp sp, Pmv	Quartz vein with dolomite strikes W. and dips S.         190-ft shaft with 600 ft of drifts           Quartz vein with free gold, chalcopyrite, and galena with         550-ft adit and shallow shaft	None \$1,800 in 1900
46. Psyche	NE	17	10	35	6,560	sp	talc and carbonate in serpentine strikes W. Quartz vein with free gold, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, talc, 1,400 ft on two adits	Est. \$90,000
47. Windsor	SE	17	10	35	6,400	sp	and carbonate strikes NE. Gouge zone with lenses of chalcopyrite, quartz, carbon- ate, and taic strikes N. 22° E., dips 52° NW.	Small
48. Kit Carson	SE	17	10	35	6,240	sp	Gouge zones with talc and carbonate strike N. 65° EN. Over 500 ft of workings	Small
49. Name unknown 50. Morning	NW	17 13	10 10	35 34	7,040 6,480	sp, Pmv sp, Pmv, KJi?	65° Ŵ., dip 50°-70° N. Gouge zone with quartz in serpentine and greenstone Quartz diorite porphyry dike with narrow quartz veins containing pyrite, arsenopyrite, sphalerite, and chal-	Unknown Est. \$20,000
51. Earl (Richardson Group)	NE	13	10	34	7,200	Pmv	copyrise strikes N. 45° E., dips 35°-75° NW. Limonitic gouge zone with quartz and calcite 200-ft adit	Unknown
52. Lucky Strike-Big Elk (Little Doe)	SW	13	10	34	6,400	TaPa	Quartz stringers in argillite 300-ft adit	Unknown
53. Name unknown 54. Lady Bug (Butler)	SW	14 15	10 10	34 34	5,480 5,960	TePa, sp TePa	Pyritized diorite dike in silicified argillite 100-ft adit Massive quartz vein with pyrite, arsenopyrite, and Shallow shaft and 300-ft adit	Unknown Unknown
55. Thornton prospect	NW	22	10	34	4,960	TAPa, KJi	tetrahedrite strikes NE. Scheelite-bearing quartz stringers in hornfelsed argiilite Short adit and prospect pits	None
56. Eureka-Dio Gracia	NE	22	10	34	5,200	sp, KJi	and quartz diorite dikes Silicified porphyritic quartz diorite dike with dissemi- nated chalcopyrite and quartz veinlets in hornfelsed ultramatics	Small
57. Name unknown 58. Name unknown	NW	22 23	10 10	34 34	4,960	sp	Talcose gouge zone in hornfelsed ultramafics Open cuts In hornfelsed ultramafic rocks Short adit	None None
58. Name unknown 59. Black Jack 60. Roberts	NW	19 21	10 10	35 35	6,120 5,880	sp sp TaPa, sp	Free gold in narrow quartz and gouge stringers Open cuts Gouge zone along contact between serpentine and gab- hro dist concloserates contains lens of quartz brecia.	Small Small: \$10,000 from surfac pocket
							with dolomite, galena, and chalcopyrite and strikes N. 70° W., dips 40° NE.	19-95-19-09-
<ol> <li>Kreiger placer (Baker placer)</li> <li>Mohawk</li> </ol>	SE	29 30	10 10	35 35	5,000 5,560	Tg?, Qal TaPa	Reworked Tertiary gravels Several acres mined Quartz veins in sheared tuffaceous argillite Trenches, shallow shaft	Small Small
63. Belmont	NE	30	10	35	5,520	TiPa	Quartz veinlets in sheared argillite Two short adits, trenches, shallow shaft	\$9,000 from surface pocket i 1905
64. Name unknown	NW	30	10	35	5,900	sp, Pgb, TaPa	Limonitic gouge zone with talc and quartz along contact 40-ft shaft and 100-ft adit between gabbro and serpentine strikes NW.	Unknown
<ol> <li>Name unknown</li> <li>Akers prospect</li> </ol>	SE	27 27	10 10	35 35	5,440 5,040	TePa TePa	Quartz veins in strongly hornfelsed argillite         Short adit and trenches           Quartz vein with pyrite, galena, and chalcopyrite in         Short adit	Unknown None
67. Name unknown	NW	35	10	34	5,640	Tts	hornfelsed argillite Silicified and sericitized tuffaceous sandstones and con-Shallow prospect pits	None
68. Name unknown	sw	35	10	34	4,700	sp. Pmv	glomerates with some disseminated pyrite 3-ft-wide gouge zone with quartz stringers in hornfelsed Open cut ultramafic rocks and greenstones strikes W.	None
69. Name unknown	NE	31	10	35	5,120	sp, Pgb	Quartz stringers in sheared serpentine Old adit with new open cuts and trenches	Small
70. Name unknown	NW	32	10	35	5,200	sp, Pgb	Fault zone with sheared serpentine and argillite in meta- gabbro and diorite	None
71. Daisy, part of Vincent Creek Gold and Copper	NW	32	10	35	5,280	Pgb	Chloritic gouge zones in limonitic and silicified meta- morphosed quartz diorite and gabbro. Chalcopyrite reported	
	NW	32	10	35	5,000	Pgb, sp	Talcose gouge zone in serpentine strikes W. Open cut and short adit	Unknown

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Table 2. CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF ROCK SAMPLES

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19.31 12.16 15.29 15.22 46.02 51.34 18.51 4.68 9.31 0.14 All analyses by X-ray fluorescence at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, under the direction of Peter Hooper. Analyses are normalized on a volatile-free basis, and total Fe is expressed as Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/FeO at an arbitrarily fixed ratio. All numbers are in weight percent

AL.O.

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