

NAME: Black Bird Virtue District Baker County

OWNERS: R.S. Foster, 1118 Resort Street, Baker, Oregon

LOCATION: 1 mile W of Black Lode Claim, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S W of Virtue Road in S 33, T 9 S, R 41 E.

AREA: 1 unpatented placer claim of 20 acres.

HISTORY: Some development work on this diatomite was done 25 years ago but by Sylvester and Potts.

GEOLOGY: The diatomite shows a thickness of at least 7 ft. which is probably much more as it is visible up and down the hillside for at least 25 ft. It is both pure light gray and less pure yellow tinged. Its lateral extent has not been demonstrated.

MISCELLANEOUS: This property is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the railroad siding. There is no timber on the property and little or no water.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is possible that further development will prove a large enough tonnage on this property to justify mining operations. The short distance to the railroad is favorable.

DATED: October 7, 1938

Black Bird Claim

NAME

OLD NAMES

Quatomite

PRINCIPAL ORE

MINOR MINERALS

95

T

41E

R

33

S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Dryden 14A

Baker

COUNTY

Vernon

AREA

ELEVATION

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

ROAD OR HIGHWAY

DISTANCE TO
SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S)

R.S. Foster

Address

Baker, Wyo

OPERATOR

Name of claims

Area

Pat.

Unpat.

Name of claims

Area

Pat.

Unpat.

EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

FOSTER (R. S.) CLAIMS
Black Bird Claim (Diatomite)
Virtue District

Owner: R. S. Foster, Baker, Oregon.

Location: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile SW. of Virtue Road in sec. 33, T. 9 S., R. 41 E., 1 mile W. of Black Lode Claim.

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FOSTER, (R. S.) CLAIM

Black Lode Claim (~~Gold~~) Mn.

Baker. ~~Virtue~~ District

Owner: R. S. Foster, Baker, Oregon.

Location: ¼ mile due south of Last Chance Claim, sec. 3, T. 10 S., R. 41 E.

Area: 1 claim running north 60 degrees

Geology: Country rock composed of banded lenticular cherts, interbedded with shale, more or less replaced and impregnated with manganite and other manganese oxides. Considerable clay-like and soap stone-like material as well as light yellow limonite stains, accompanies the ore. Ore can be sorted 30 to 45 per cent MnO₂. Mill run would be very low.

Chert strikes N. 60 degrees W., dips 60 degrees S. Ore apparently has similar attitude and is at least 4 feet wide being exposed for 20 feet with a depth of at least 5 feet. Some of the shale interbeds partially replaced to give a black manganiferous shale. The ore is somewhat faulted and displaced.

Development: Several small open cuts and one cut about 20 feet long have been made but with the one exception nothing but float is exposed in any of these cuts.

At a point 100 feet north of the SW. corner post near the bottom of the gulch an inclined tunnel trending southwest and sloping 35 degrees has been driven on a quartz vein 1 to 2½ feet wide for a distance of 200 feet. This persistent vein was sampled but showed no values of importance.

There is no timber on the property and little or no water. The railroad is 3 miles distant by dirt road.

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