

State of Oregon

SHORT FORM REPORT OF MINERAL EXAMINATION

Case or Job No. 370-D

Opal #1 claim  
Opalized wood - agate.

Owner: Don McCrary  
Rt. 3 Box 228  
Coos Bay, Oregon

National Forest: Siskiyou  
Ranger District: Gold Beach  
Dates and Hours: June 12, 1974  
Accompanied by: --

None

Claim(s): Opal #1

LOCATION: W 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4  
Section 8, T. 33 S., R. 14 W., W.M.,  
Curry County, Oregon

Correct location is part of W 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 17,  
T. 33 S., R. 14 W., W.M.

Location Notice and Markings:

None. The claim was located July 11, 1961, and recorded in Curry County in Book 19, page 227.

Occupancy:

Pictures 1 and 2 show a cabin on Bald Mountain Creek at the junction with Elk River. This is in Section 17, not Section 8 as the recorded notice shows. The cabin is used very little.

Mineral Improvements:

The location notice states that the claim is for opalized wood. No signs of mining work or petrified wood were found.

Geologic Observations:

The area is sedimentary rock many square miles in extent. The immediate vicinity of the Opal #1 claim is serpentine.

Mineral Valuation:

The country rock is not that normally found where agate type minerals develop. An extensive search was made without finding a small fragment of opalized wood or agate.

Remarks:

The cabin is not used very often. There is no sign of mining activity. A search of the junction area of Elk River and Bald Mountain Creek did not indicate the presence of any petrified wood.

Conclusions:

The land is non-mineral in character, and the cabin is only for recreation use. Removal of the cabin would terminate the administrative problem.

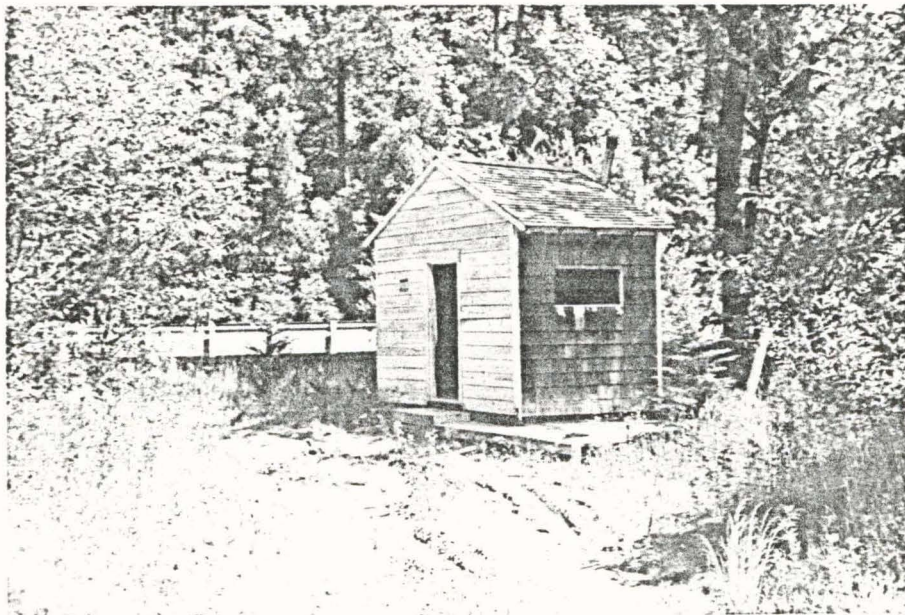
Date of Report: April 5, 1976

Signed: Colver F. Anderson  
COLVER F. ANDERSON, Mineral Examiner

Attach field map sheet (5400-19) for sketch map.  
Insert picture numbers in form with subject and/or describe in remarks.



1. A closeup view of the cabin.



2. The cabin and surrounding area.