ILLAHE GROUP (Chromite)

Agness Area

"Eleven claims were visited in this area. They lie within the northtrending narrow bands of serpentine mapped by Diller to the west and northwest of Illahe, extending from Two-Mile Creek northwards into Coos County in the headwaters of Rock Creek.

"The country rock is either a sheared green serpentine in the narrow mapped areas, or yellow weathering 'buckskin' peridotite-porphyry in the wider areas, such as the one north of Red Mountain.

"On claims where ore was found in place, it lay in north-trending zones of soft talcose serpentine, in the form of small lentil-shaped bodies, not over 2 feet thick and 8 feet long. One exception consisted of a soft friable ore in a band 15 feet long and 2 feet thick. Most of the claims showed only float of high-grade ore, but in a few places there was also low-grade banded ore. An assay of ore from one property gave 48 percent chromic oxide." (Ref: Allen 38:40 quoted).