SHYRITE MINE (asbestos).
(See also Triple Creek Group)

High quality, low iron, slip fiber asbestos is found at Lake-of-the-Woods. It is relatively inaccessible as several miles of road are needed. Samples indicate that the property has many worthwhile possibilities.

Owners: Larry Lucas, Marion Fry, Agness; Rand Meservey, Alhale; and Phil Adams, Gold Beach, Oregon.

Location: NE¼ NW¼ sec. 34 and SE¼ SW¼ sec. 27, T. 34 S., R. 12 W., in the Lake-of-the-Woods area, 5 miles by trail from Agness.
Area: Seventeen claims, held by location, located in March 1942.
History: The asbestos was discovered and located in the late winter of 1942. The claims are recorded as the Triple Creek Group.
Development: Location work on each claim. A small amount of asbestos has been removed as samples and for small, minor insulating jobs.

Geology: The country rock is serpentine although none is shown for this locality on the Port Orford geologic map. Topography suggests considerable creep and slump as the trees stand at crazy angles. Test pits slump full after each rain so that prospecting is difficult. Talc is developed along the asbestos zone and some of the asbestos is quite talcose.

The asbestos is principally slip fiber, almost pure white, and has considerable tensile strength. It tends to break into one-inch lengths. Some cross fiber was seen. Samples indicate a high quality of practically iron-free amphibole asbestos and it may be that some of it is of spinning grade.

Informant: Larry Lucas, 6/26/42.
SKYRITE MINE

"Shyrite" is a nickname that the owners have applied to asbestos in general.

Lucas used some of the asbestos to cover his hot water tank. He washed the fiber, to remove as much talc as possible. The fiber and remaining talc swelled considerably so that 3 double handfuls will swell to fill a washtub. A portion of the water was squeezed out and the damp mass put on the tank. It hardened just like commercial "asbestos" covering and is extremely efficient.

Some one has been feeding Lucas a bunch of wild stories about the value of asbestos, up to $400 a ton for ordinary grades. Also on uses and peculiarities of the fiber. This is unfortunate as Lucas is a very sincere individual.

The property is worthy of some investigation and I hope to visit it in the near future.

Ray C. Treasher
Field Geologist
July 1, 1942.
RECORD IDENTIFICATION
RECORD NO........... MO20046
RECORD TYPE........... XIN
INFORMATION SOURCE... 2
MAP CODE NO. OF REC...

REPORTER
NAME............................. FERNS, MARK L. (BROOKS, HOWARD C.)
AFFILIATION..................... ODGMI
DATE.................................. 81 04

NAME AND LOCATION
DEPOSIT NAME..................... SHYRTE
SYNONYM NAME..................... TRIPLE CREEK GROUP
COUNTRY CODE..................... US
COUNTRY NAME: UNITED STATES
STATE CODE....................... OR
STATE NAME: OREGON
COUNTY......................... CURRY
DRAINAGE AREA............... 17100310 PACIFIC NORTHWEST
PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROV........... 13 KLAMATH MOUNTAINS
LAND CLASSIFICATION....... 41

QUAD SCALE
1: 62500
QUAD NO OR NAME
AGNESS (1954)

LATITUDE
42-35-54N
LONGITUDE
124-00-25W

UTM NORTHING
4716500
UTM EASTING
417400
UTM ZONE NO
+10

THP........ 034S
RANGE..... 011W
SECTION.. 27 34
MERIDIAN... WILLAMETTE

ACCURACY OF LOCATION
ESTIMATED

COMMODITY INFORMATION
COMMODITIES PRESENT........... ASB

OCCURRENCE(S) OR POTENTIAL PRODUCT(S):
POTENTIAL........
COMMODITY COMMENTS:
SLIP FIBER

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
STATUS OF EXPLOR. OR DEV. 1

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT

DEPOSIT TYPES:
METAMORPHIC

FORM/SIZE OF DEPOSIT:

SIZE/DIRECTIONAL DATA
SIZE OF DEPOSIT...... SMALL

COMMENTS(DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT):
LANDSLIDE

PRODUCTION
NO PRODUCTION

GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY

AGE OF HOST ROCKS............. JUR
HOST ROCK TYPES............... SERPENTINE

GENERAL REFERENCES
1) DDGMH FILES, GRANTS PASS FIELD OFFICE