

Curry County

# State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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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, Allaha; and Phil Adams, Gold Beach, Oregon.

Location: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 34 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

See also C. J.

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## SHYRITE MINE

Agness Area

"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..... M020046  
RECORD TYPE..... XIN  
INFORMATION SOURCE... 2  
MAP CODE NO. OF REC..

REPORTER

NAME..... FERN, MARK L. (BROOKS, HOWARD C.)  
AFFILIATION..... DDGMI  
DATE..... 81 04

NAME AND LOCATION

DEPOSIT NAME..... SHYRITE  
SYNONYM NAME..... TRIPLE CREEK GROUP

COUNTRY CODE..... US  
COUNTRY NAME: UNITED STATES

STATE CODE..... OR  
STATE NAME: OREGON

*Agness Area*

COUNTY..... CURRY  
DRAINAGE AREA..... 17100310 PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
PHYSIOGRAPHIC PRDV..... 13 KLAMATH MOUNTAINS  
LAND CLASSIFICATION..... 41

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

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

UTM NORTHING          UTM EASTING          UTM ZONE NO  
4716500                  417400                  +10

TWP..... 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/SHAPE 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) ODGMI FILES, GRANTS PASS FIELD OFFICE