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Dear Mr. Libbey:

This will advise you regarding the trip into the Bald Mtn. area which was made this last week.

My schedule was as follows: Tuesday, May 27 drove to Agness. The bridge across the Rogue at Agness is under repair so I had to arrange for a car on the other side of the river to take me to Oak Flat on the following day. I checked in regard to getting a guide but found that all the young men are now logging and that the older guides and prospectors were too old to make the trip. I thought that one prospector, Al La Chance, would be able to accompany me but found on reaching his ranch that he could not make the trip; May 28, I packed in from Oak Flat to Tah-Hatchee Creek near Collier Bar (12 miles); May 29, reconnaissance of area for about 1 mile north of Tah-Hatchee Creek and locating ridge, upon which the Cobalt Group is said to be located; May 30, packed out to Agness (16 miles); May 31, returned to Grants Pass.

Enclosed is a sketch of the area between Silver Creek and Collier Creek showing the location of the ridge which I feel certain is the one referred to by Butler and Mitchell. The ridge is described by Butler and Mitchell as "a serpentine hill about 800 feet high, 2 miles long and two-thirds of a mile wide." Actually it is only about one mile in length otherwise the description fits reasonably close. I looked over only the south end of the ridge adjacent to the old trail. In this area at least the rock appears to be mainly a pyroxenite (somewhat serpentinized) with some sheared serpentine. I did not see any workings or signs of mineralization however I was able to look over only a very limited area as it is fairly rough going. There is an old Forest Service camp site located just south of the ridge on the old trail (see sketch). This could serve as a camping site for any future work as there is a good supply of water here.