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STATE DEPARTMENT
& MINERAL RESOURCES

Wing One, First Floor
Temporary Building E
Sixth Street & Adams Drive, S.W.

Mining Branch

April 7, 1942

Mr. Bruce Dennis
Buffalo Mine
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dennis:

This will acknowledge your recent application for reinstatement of Serial Number 33-29 under Mine Preference Rating Order No. P-56, as amended March 2, 1942.

After careful review, we find that your property cannot be properly classified as being entitled to the benefits under this Order. When and if your production of strategic materials reaches the point where re-classification is justified, you are welcome to make new application under Order No. P-56, as amended March 2, 1942.

In the meantime, we suggest you operate under Mine Preference Rating Order P-100, copy of which is attached for your information, and under which you are assigned the rating of A-10.

When ordering supplies for your Mine, it is only necessary to make certification as shown on Page 2 which we have marked. In case you are unable to secure the required materials under an A-10 rating, you are privileged to execute Form PD-1-a, copy attached. Be sure that your explanation for the necessity of the material is fully explained. After this Form has been properly executed, please send it direct to this office for consideration.

These Forms can be secured from the War Production Board Field Service Office in your State, 806 Bedell Building, Portland, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

Wilbur A. Nelson
Administrator of
Mining Branch

Enclosure
PRO P-100 PD-1-a
cc: Earl K. Nixon - Coordinator
wvf:cs

BRUCE DENNIS

209 East Twenty-ninth
Vancouver Wash.

Buffalo

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& MINERAL INDS.

Office Address
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon
October 20, 1941

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Replying to your letter of October 9, 1941 addressed to W. F. Allen, Jr., Granite, Oregon, permit me to say that the mine I own near Granite shipped 189 tons of crude ore and 1294 tons of milled ore, and mined 1902 tons of waste and 2968 tons of fill, or a total of 6353 tons handled in the year 1940.

Hoping this will answer your question intelligently and that you will file this letter in order that we may have prior preference on the things that we will need to continue operation, I am

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1483*

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Dennis
Bruce Dennis

BD:LH

BUFFALO MINE

GRANITE

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BUFFALO MINE SOLD

The well-known Buffalo Mine, located north of Granite in eastern Grant County, has been sold by Bruce Dennis, operator of the property for the past eight years, to E. R. Ramsey and Alan Kissock of New York according to the Record-Courier, Baker, under date of October 24.

The Buffalo Mine, under Mr. Dennis and Frank Allen, superintendent, has been producing steadily for a number of years except during some of the wartime years when gold mines were closed by Government order. An extensive development program is planned by the new owners. High grade encountered in development work will be stored during the winter for shipment in the spring. Mill ore will be stockpiled against operating the mill when the roads are opened. Mr. R. G. Amidon is superintendent for the new owners.

The Buffalo Mine in eastern Grant County, Oregon is being operated and both concentrates and high grade ore are shipped to the Midvale Smelter. A new block of ore has been reported opened on the 400 level on the Constitution vein.

Taken from Modern Prospector, October, 1948, page 2 under heading of Digest of Development, Dividends, Etc.

January 31, 1961

Frances and Jim Jackson
Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Frances and Jim:

You people really deserve a gold star, since you are the only ones who sent me two letters in response to my inquiry concerning Oregon's mineral industry.

Glad to hear that you are apparently nearing the long-sought-for mineralized zone, and hope that when I hear from you next that you are drifting like mad. The winter over here has been more like a visit to the tropics so far, and I guess you are happy that the snow pack is still pretty light over your way.

We are slowly getting the front part of the office remodeled and by the time you come over this way again we hope to have it all in order. In fact, we will have a very nice display area for some of the Buffalo ore - provided you bring some good specimens along, of course.

Our January Ore.-Bin, containing the exciting article on Oregon's mineral industry written by my favorite author, will be out early in February. Will see that you get a copy immediately it comes off the press.

With kindest personal regards and all the luck in the world!

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Mason
Mining Engineer

RSM:lk

Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon
January 15, 1961

Mr. Ralph Mason -
1069 State Office Bldg -
Portland, Oregon

Dear Ralph -

Sorry about the hurried note the other day but had just picked up the mail in the barrell we keep for mail, in Granite and Hank Gotta was there on his way out. Would follow us up here then go on out to Sumpter, so a hurried chance for it as our mail very, very slow all winter.

About the mine here + reason for buying
I to say must you will know

settled - really no news -

Jim has a definite change coming
into the case of some kind - ~~and~~ -

Lots of Lots of water. Hope it
cuts down some snow as he's having
to timber up too keeps soaked all the
time!

Our sincerest good wishes to all
the people there with you - when we
do have a change over of some kind
will let you know 2 way & he can let
you know -

Happy, Happy New Year, ¹⁹³¹

Summer, Come see us!

Your friends,

Jim & Frances Jackson

P.S.

How many about

2' of snow so far!

March 18, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jackson, Jr.
Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Frances and Jim:

Thanks so much for sending me the copy of your letter to
Clint Haight's Natural Resources Committee.

This is a very fine expression and I certainly thank you
for taking the time to write and saying such nice things
about us. I can tell you that you folks have been more
than kind to us and we certainly do appreciate it.

Thanks so much and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis M. Dole
Director

HMD:jr

Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Hollis:

Please find enclosed a letter
copy on Tbill No. 1233 — for
your files.

Come Summer, Come See us!

Frances Jackson

Copy

BUFFALO MINE
SUMPTER, OREGON

March 9, 1963

Natural Resources Committee
302 State Capitol Bldg.
Salem 10, Oregon

THIS LETTER CONCERNS HOUSE BILL NO. 1233

Dear Sirs:

Our property, the Buffalo Mine, is very isolated. Especially so during the winter months as no roads are kept open for usual transportation, so of course our mail is very slow. At best we receive it once a week and sometimes it is two weeks, then the same for sending out any mail. For this reason we did not receive the notice of the hearing for the proposed Bill No. 1233 until the day of the hearing was scheduled.

Had we received the notice in time, we would have certainly have attended the hearing personally. This letter is being written as a substitute for our testimony we would have given had we been there.

I am the owner and operator of the Buffalo Mine which is situated six miles north of Granite, Oregon, and have operated this property for ten years now. Was in production for close to eight years and have taken the past two and a half years to run a new low-level tunnel of better than 2000 feet for the development of new reserves. An ore shoot has been successfully encountered and is now being prepared for steady production while additional development work for future production is also being continued.

I have been associated with mining most of my life which is a good many years and in several western states before I came to the Buffalo. I have certainly found the Oregon Department of Geology And Mineral Industries has been by far the most helpful, most interested, and most co-operative of any I have dealt with anywhere on our mining problems. Other mining departments in other states seem to be less interested and less outspoken in their support for the mining industry. This is especially true of the states whose mining departments are run under a set-up such as is proposed in Bill No. 1233 which prevents them from properly functioning as free agents who understand the mining business, because of other Natural Resource Departments outranking them and having higher rating with the "Higher-Ups" who are far more interested in hunting and fishing than they are in mining or anything else seemingly.

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MINERAL INDUSTRIES

The mining industry is in a terrible state economically as we all know, here in the states, and has been for far too long a time. Detrimental legislation is being forced on mining in every way! I feel deeply it is far more vital to now have the most qualified and efficient Department of Mines than ever before if there is to be any mining productive and development wise, continued in the State of Oregon.

I definitely feel too, that an independent mining department composed of "Well Qualified" personnel is by far the greater importance to the mining industry because the independence gives them freedom to speak positively for the industry without any hinderance or pressure from those people whose interests are frequently detrimental to mining! This as I see it goes for other departments too.

For these reasons we are absolutely against consolidating all Natural Resource Departments or agencies, under any one Head Department with a small advisory board who cannot possibly be qualified either in practical experience or technical know-how to cope with all of the different problems of all of the different divisions and sub-divisions of all of the different departments even if the interests of such an advisory board were not stacked 10 to 1 against mining to start with in the first place!

Another point to bring into the picture as I see it, there are no specific requirements as to the qualifications of the appointed administrators or sub-directors of the different divisions under this Natural Resources Department. It seems to me that under these circumstances it is entirely possible that the mining division, or any of the others for that matter, could end up being governed by some political appointee who is neither qualified by experience or training to be an administrator, and all probability with no real interest in the problems of the department he is in charge of.

However, if it is found that for adequate and sufficient reasons the Department of Geology must be consolidated with other departments, then have it be with the ones dealing with development of resources basic to industry only, and under no conditions with the Fish and Game, Parks & Recreation and Small Boats and Harbor Departments none of which have any real connection in any way with basic industrial resources or their development.

To sum it up in my opinion, I certainly cannot see how the change-over to one single Natural Resource Department can in any way serve to increase the efficiency or economy of our varied departments or State Government in any respect, as compared to the present practice of having the different agencies working under separate boards of advisors who are each deeply interested in their own field of natural resource development.

Sincerely hoping you will give this your deepest consideration in every way or respect.

Yours truly,


James P. Jackson, Jr.

JPJ/f

April 8, 1959

Mr. James P. Jackson, Jr.
Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Jim:

This is in reply to your letter of April 5 concerned with your taking over of the Whitney mine. It goes without saying, of course, that I wish you and Mrs. Jackson the very best of luck on this. I certainly have all the confidence in the world in you.

I hope I did not mislead you concerning this matter of having finances available for the right venture. As you know, members of this Department cannot hold an interest in any mining claims in Oregon - either stock, location of claims, or any other type of interest. I can offer this, however: I know that Dr. Garth Thornburg of Lakeview Mining Company is interested in finding other properties of merit to invest in. I think that he would be a very good contact and something fruitful might develop. The next time I see him or talk to him, I certainly will present your name. In the meantime I suggest you contact him. Count on me to add a good word.

Another person whom you should probably contact is Mr. Earl S. Mollard, General Manager - Oregon, The Hanna Mining Company, Riddle. If Hanna does not want to take something like this on, I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that Earl would be interested. If it is a small mine, Earl probably would take it on himself. If it is a big venture, I know good and well he could interest his people.

If you need any help on these, let me know.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis M. Dole
Director

HMD: jr

BUFFALO MINE
SUMPTER, OREGON
April 5, 1959

Mr. Hollis Dole
Director of Oregon State Board Of Geology
State Office Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Hollis:

During a visit to your office last fall, it was suggested that you had some finances available for the right mining venture.

For a number of years I have been interested in the Bonanza Mine, near Whitney, Oregon, and have finally been able to complete an agreement with the owners on this. I believe a preliminary operation and sampling program on this is feasible at this time.

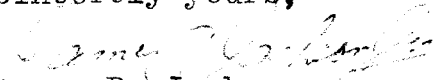
As this will become a good sized operation, I am going to need some additional finances and would like to bring the right parties into the picture now rather than at some later date.

Under my agreement with the owners we will be able to open the property up and extract the known commercial ore, and also check sample the upper workings. All of this can be done with a reasonable chance of a small profit. I believe this to be one of the best mines in Oregon, and would like very much to have you associated with us in some way in this venture.

If this could be of interest to you and your people, I will bring the assay maps, data, etc., to Portland and go over the entire matter with you.

Since spring is nearly here, and the season short in this country, I would like to have your reactions as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,


James P. Jackson, Jr.

JPJ/f

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& MINERAL INDS.

November 5, 1958

Mr. James H. Jackson, Jr.
c/o Buffalo Mine
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Jim:

The enclosed was forwarded from this office. Delay was due to necessity for typing of your manuscript.

Two copies are enclosed. One is to allow you to make corrections and return to Koch. The other is for your files.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis M. Dole
Director

HMD:jr
Encl.

April 25, 1958

Mr. J. P. Jackson, Jr.
Boaz Mining Company
Granite, Oregon

Dear Jim:

Under separate cover we are today sending you two prints of George Koch's maps of the 200 and 400 levels of the Buffalo mine. Sorry we didn't get these to you sooner. You can thank Wag for prodding us into eventual action.

If we can help you any more please let us know.

With kindest person regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Mason
Mining Engineer

RSM:lk
cc N. S. Wagner

BUFFALO MINE
SUMPTER, OREGON

March 5, 1958

Mr. Hollis Dole
Dept. of Geology & Mineral Ind.
1069 State Office Bldg.
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Hollis:

So wonderful of you and all of the other good people there in your office to be so very kind to us while we were there.... truly enjoyed meeting everyone we had not met before, and too, seeing again those ~~it-has~~ we have not seen for so long including yourself especially!

We have had some warm weather which took the snow down a foot or so, then it started to snow again. Think we still have a good four and a half feet anyway.... hope to get the road open the last of April, with a month to dry up in, will be fine for you and your family to come for that visit. We will love having you so please do not forget.....we will be looking for you!

Sincerest good wishes,

Jim & Frances

J.P. Jacksons, Jr.

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& MINERAL INDUSTRY

March 12, 1957

Mr. J. M. Haseltine
Haseltine, Gilbert & Wilson, Inc.
Fishay Tower
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Haseltine:

This is in reply to your letter of February 8 regarding production of the Buffalo mine for the years 1955 and 1956.

This information is not in this Department. There is no law requiring mining companies to submit production data or smelter receipts to this Department.

I am enclosing for your information copies of our ORE.-BIN concerned with mineral production in Oregon for the years 1955 and 1956. Although the Buffalo mine was one of the few gold mining companies in Oregon, it would not be possible to state definitely how much of this production came from that mine. It would seem likely to me that this company would ship its ore to the American Smelting and Refining Company smelter at Tacoma, Washington, inasmuch as it is the closest to that area.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis M. Dole
Director

HMD: jr
Encl.
cc N.S. Wagner

HASELTINE, GILBERT & WILSON, INC.

Investment Securities

108 - 9TH STREET SOUTH • FOSHAY TOWER
MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

Telephone: FEDERAL 2-7348

Teletype: MP343

March 8, 1957

Mining & Metallurgical Department
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Gentlemen:

There are a few people in Minneapolis who are stockholders in the Boaz Mining Company. This company purchased a 70 per cent interest in the Buffalo Mine which is situated in the Granite Mining district in Grant County, Oregon. Undoubtedly you are familiar with this mining company. It has been operating continuously for the last two years or longer, and of course, smelter returns are received by your office.

You probably know that this mine was owned by Mrs. Florence J. Dennis, under contract whereby the purchasers of the 70 per cent interest in the Buffalo Mine agreed to pay her \$25,000.00 in monthly installments until she has received the full \$25,000.00. We have in our possession, records showing that the payments were begun as far back as November, 1951. \$1,000.00 was paid in November and December, 1951, and since then \$500.00 a month has been paid to December, 1954, making a total of about \$20,500.00. Undoubtedly, the balance due on the purchase contract of \$4,500.00 has since been paid.

As minority stockholders we would like to know what the production of the mine has been for the last two years, namely; 1955 and 1956. I trust by being minority stockholders you will be free to inform us what the smelter rates have been so that we will know what the value of the stock in this mine might be.

If the smelter, to which the gold ore has been shipped and refined should be located in the state of Oregon, would you be kind enough to write and let us know in what state the smelting of this ore has been made.

We thank you for any information you can give us concerning the above property and its present status and assure you it will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Haseltine

F. M. Haseltine

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& MINERAL INDS.

April 14, 1947

Mr. Donald R. McGregor
P.O. Box 534
Los Alamos, California

Dear Mr. McGregor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 9 enclosing 50¢ and requesting our Bulletin 14-B which has been sent you in a separate package. The description of the Buffalo mine in this bulletin includes a flow sheet of the mill as it was when the bulletin was published.

There have been some other reports on the Buffalo mine as given in the bibliography which is included in Bulletin 14-B. However, I believe the essentials of all of these reports are included in our report.

I am enclosing a list of our publications in which you will note the geologic map of the Sumpter quadrangle. This map gives the areal geology of the Buffalo mine area.

Very truly yours,

Director

FWL:jr
Encl.

P.O. Box 534,
Los Alamos, California.
4/9/47

Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries,
Office 702 Woodlark Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sirs;

SWT 4-12-47

Please find enclosed 50¢ for copy of Bulletin #48,
as published in the Oregon Metal Mines Hand-
book. I have been informed that this
Bulletin consists of a flotation flow sheet
of the mill at the Buffalo Mines. I am
very anxious to get a copy, as I expect
to be employed at this property in the
near future.

Information as to any other reports
that have been published pertaining
to this property would be greatly
appreciated.

Yours truly
Donald R. McGregor, Engr.

Mr. Bibbey

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL INDS.

December 19, 1942

Mr. Bruce Dennis
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dennis:

Thanks for your letter of December 18 with enclosures pertaining to the closing of the Buffalo Mine. Under the circumstances the "relief" offered by the Office of the Director General for Operations could have been stated more succinctly as follows:

"Go on, try and operate, I dare you."

I am a little hard on the august Director General of Operations, I confess, but also I am human.

Under the circumstances, it is my feeling regarding the Buffalo now that you would be wise to carry on at the Buffalo with three or four men who could probably get out enough high-grade for shipment during the summer so that the work would not cost too much. I should think that these men could do a little sorting and high-grading, leaving the mill ore in the stope later to be pulled, trammed, and milled at some future time. You could also carry on what development work seemed indicated. This war cannot last forever, and I am one who believes that gold is good. Right or wrong, I have been looking for a hedge in the way of a small gold operation that I could obtain and could afford to hold until such time as an operation is permitted. Of course, I am not looking in Oregon because I can't operate in this State, but I can operate in British Columbia or in fact in states adjacent to Oregon.

With a few men on the ground, you have the satisfaction of knowing that in the case of a fall of ground in the drift or some other development, it can be taken care of while damage is slight. I think you should carry on and operate in a small way.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director

EKN:jr

BRUCE DENNIS

403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon
December 18, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
State Department of Geology and
Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I have your very interesting letter of
December sixth, and thank you very kindly for it.

It would seem that I fared pretty well in
view of the general attitude that seems to prevail relative
to gold mining. I am enclosing herewith copy of the letter
which I sent to the Department and a copy of their letter
of confirmation, quoting their telegram, and comment.
After you have had time to give this a little thought it
would be a kindness to me if you would give me your reaction
on the whole thing as to whether I had better try to go
ahead in a very small way at the Buffalo.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Bruce Dennis

BD:LH
Encls.

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WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

Washington, D. C.

Dec. 3, 1942

In reply refer to

C 6106

Mr. Bruce Dennis
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to your Appeal of November 23, 1942, requesting relief from the provisions of Limitation Order L-208.

After careful consideration of the facts presented in your Appeal, the following relief from Order L-208 is hereby authorized:

Permission is granted to break, draw and mill ore in your usual operations, provided your rate of production shall not exceed 100 tons per month, and provided further no workers shall be employed in these operations under the age of fifty-five unless the War Manpower Commission finds they are not needed in mine operations elsewhere.

The provisions of Order L-208 are waived to the extent required to obtain the relief authorized above, provided that Order L-208 in all other respects and all other Orders and Regulations of the War Production Board are fully complied with.

Very truly yours,

Ernest C. Kanzler
Director General for Operations

403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon
November 23, 1942

Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson
Administrator of the Mining
Branch of W.P.B.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Following the reported request of the War
Production Board relative to small mines, I am enclosing
herewith the letter stating the situation relative to a
mine that I own in Grant County, Oregon.

Hoping that this conforms with the request
reported in an interview with Mr. Donald Nelson, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W.A.N.
Encl.

Bruce Dennis

403 Pacific building
Portland, Oregon
November 23, 1942

War Production Board
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Buffalo Mine, Constitution Claim,
Granite, Oregon

Compliance with the WPB Order L-208 pertaining to the closing of all gold mines has been carried out; breaking of new ore was suspended October 12, 1942, and the broken ore on hand has been milled, and the concentrates are now being transported to the railroad for shipment to the smelter.

The following facts and figures are set forth to take advantage of the appeal provision of the act, and are submitted for your favorable consideration; they cover the entire period since development was undertaken on this property during September, 1938.

Production shipment started in June, 1939.

| Year | Tons Crude Ore Shipped | Tons Mill Ore Milled | Total Tons Commercial Ore Handled |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1939 | 195.76 | 667.36 | 863.14 |
| 1940 | 189.14 | 1294.00 | 1483.14 |
| 1941 | 91.00 | 1706.00 | 1796.00 |
| 1942 | 17.20 | 703.06 | 720.26 |
| Yearly Average | 123.27 | 1032.36 | 1216.63 |

A complete new Flotation Mill was constructed and put in operation in 1940, on the property.

Also, it should be pertinent to this request, to set forth the following, in order that you may be acquainted with the urgency of this appeal. The location of this small operation is fifty miles from the railroad and supply base which is Baker, Oregon, and the property is at an elevation of 8000 feet, in the snow belt, and snow is falling at this writing. All supplies of food etc. must be transported over a mountain road in quantity to last until the following spring breakup.

The question of manpower at this small mine has approached the vanishing point because of its men entering the armed forces and going into defense work. Under present conditions the only men who could be

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anticipated for employment here are a few in this back country as a skeleton crew of some five or six men, who for various reasons, such as mature age, defective hearing, etc. may be left near here. These men could not and would not attempt employment in any basic metals mine.

The need for steel and repair parts for this small operation would be practically nil.

The shipment of ore and concentrates from this small mine can only be hauled to the railroad over these mountain roads in the summer and fall, so all preparations for the winter must be accomplished during the summer months.

Also further concern for the urgency of this appeal is evident at this late date, due to the preparations for the winter that have been completed, and the race of time against the winter snow that is falling, and inasmuch as the coming year will be within the 1200 ton limit of commercial ore production, we respectfully request your instructions to carry on with the mining of new ore with a skeleton crew during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Dennis, Owner

BD:LH

December 16, 1942

Mr. Bruce Dennis
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dennis:

This is belated comment on your letter of November 18 which was acknowledged and answered by Mr. Libbey in my absence. My pile of communications that arrived during an extended absence in the east is slightly dwindling, but I've got some distance to go yet. Sorry I didn't have a chance to reply to your letter sooner.

I would be much interested to learn what reaction you obtained, if any, from the War Production Board as a result of your appeal on behalf of the Buffalo Mine. Would also like to have a copy of the final letter you transmitted to Washington if you would be willing to furnish us one.

I had discussions with Wilbur Nelson in Salt Lake and additional ones in Washington. Wilbur Nelson personally is inclined to favor the marginal operations. I think he is handicapped somewhat by working with a group that is absolutely ruthless so far as gold operators are concerned. Nelson intimated to me that he believed the powers intended to close down gold mines so tight that no one could operate but a single individual with a pick and shovel or mines that have strategic minerals accompanying the gold.

Sincerely yours,

Director

EKN:jr

November 21, 1942

Mr. Bruce Dennis
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dennis:

Mr. Nixon is in Washington, D.C. and probably will not return until the very last of the month. Therefore, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to him dated November 18 and concerned with your appeal from W.P.B. Order L-208.

I should say that you have stated the case adequately. The only suggestion I would make is that in the third from the last paragraph of your letter in writing of employment conditions, I should think it would be well to add that the few men that might be employed would not in any event go to find employment at some base metal mine. Also it probably would help your case if you could mention specifically how little in the way of steel, copper, or other metals you would consume in repair parts and in operating and maintenance materials.

The official who would pass upon your case I believe would be Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson, Administrator of the Mining Branch of W.P.B. As you are aware (from the enclosure in your letter) Congressman Englebright of Grass Valley, California, has requested gold mine operators to send him pertinent data concerning their operations, principally in the way of labor they would employ but which would not be available to base metal mines, and also the relatively small amount of metals the gold mines would consume in operating supplies.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Libbey
Acting Director

FWL: jr

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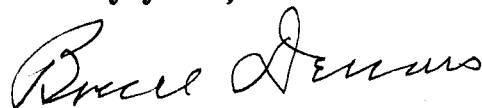
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon
November 18, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
State Department of Geology And
Mineral Industries
Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Earl:

I am enclosing you copy of a letter that I have gotten up showing the demise, death, and funeral of the Buffalo Mine. I want you, if you will, to go over the letter and make any suggestions as to changes that might come to your mind. Also please direct me as to the proper person in Washington, D. C. to mail this so that it might get a place in the live file of the Department.

Most sincerely yours,



Bruce Dennis

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209 East Twenty-ninth
Vancouver Wash.

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Office Address
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon
October 2, 1940

Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Director
State Department of Geology
And Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

That was a swell letter you wrote me September 28th regarding the mill which Frank Allen is completing at the Buffalo. Frank, incidentally, happens to be my nephew, and I know his background. He is a mining man from the soles of his feet up, and I was glad that you appreciated the effort he is making to give us a fine little mill up in the Granite Mountains.

Your mention of the Crane Flats experiment in the National Forest is certainly interesting to me, and I shall be pleased to hear of any information that you may receive concerning it. Also the differential between the cost of compensation for underground miners as against surface men and mill men is of great interest.

I will be at the session of the legislature this year in other capacities but I will be glad to help you in any way that I can to assist you in getting legislation through that will be of benefit to the mining industry.

I am leaving the latter part of the week for a week in Los Angeles, after which time I will be pleased to come over and have a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,



Bruce Dennis

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September 28, 1940

Mr. Bruce Dennis
403 Pacific Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dennis:

.....—Merely to say that I had the pleasure of calling at your Buffalo Mine operation recently accompanied by our field engineer, Hugh Lancaster, and of meeting and having a nice chat with Mr. Allen.

I was much impressed by what Mr. Allen is doing and believe he has one of the sweetest little mills I have seen for some time. I was favorably impressed in general with the operation and with Mr. Allen's mining policies.

I might say that, since making this trip, I have taken up with the United States Bureau of Mines the matter of their taking a bulk representative sample of sulphides from one of the mines in the Greenhorns for roasting tests with the idea that it might be possible at reasonable expense to do something like they are doing at the Getchell Mine in Nevada. At that property they are roasting and cyaniding with a new Gould type of roaster and saving a great deal of money by shipping bullion rather than by shipping concentrates to the smelter. Even though the mines in the vicinity of the Buffalo are in a National Forest, I don't see why it might not be possible to set out, say, a square mile around crane flats for a roaster to which several of the operations could send their concentrates. On milling ore it appears that two or three dollars could be saved on transportation and smelting charges by some such maneuver if it can be arranged. I expect to take this matter up with the Forestry Department and with our senators in Washington, if necessary, provided roasting tests indicate the feasibility of so treating the type of concentrates being produced in the Greenhorn operation.

If anything comes of our efforts, we shall be pleased to keep you advised.

I mentioned also to Mr. Allen that this Department has been active in trying to establish a differential between the cost of compensation insurance for underground miners as against surface men and mill men. We have hopes of saving the miners some money on this item in the future.

If it suits your convenience, I shall be happy to have you call at this office some time, so that we might have a chat on matters of mutual interest.

Cordially yours,

cc: Mr. Allen, Manager
Buffalo Mine
Mr. Lancaster

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Director