GRANITE HAS MORE MINING THAN IN YEARS
Porter Company Dredge on Bull Run Largest Operation

PROSPECTORS DOING ASSESSMENT WORK

Good Ore Opened at the Buffalo Mine; Overhauling Mill to Treat the Ore.

There is more solid mining activity in the Granite district than there has been in more than 20 years. This is the word that comes from that well known mining area west of Baker.

Much of this activity is in dredging. The bucket line dredge of Porter and Company, the largest operation of its kind, since starting late last fall, has dug up more than 20 miles along Bull Run creek.

At the old Lawton townsite the S. K. Atkinson company has worked over the greater part of the meadow and about a mile along the creek. The Atkinson project is a shovel dredge and is working on Granite creek toward the Milwaukee meadows about three miles below the town of Granite.

C. E. Silbaugh, of the C. E. Silbaugh Construction company of Pendleton, is assembling a washing plant at the M. McKim shops in Baker. This plant is to be installed on gravel bars on Granite creek about eight miles below the town of Granite.

In the quartz mines, at the Buffalo mine, Bruce Dennis of Portland, has had a crew doing development work since last year. This work has opened up ore in the Constitution claim of the property, and the mill is now being overhauled preparatory to running on the ore.

At the Continental mine, belonging to G. A. Gylenberg of Baker, Joe Haskins and sons have been working on a lease and are starting the hauling of ore to the railroad at Sumpter for shipping to the smelter.

The quartz Independence mine, P. A. Rokne, manager, is leading the quartz mines in shipping, trucking about 30 tons of ore over the road to Sumpter a day. This ore is going to the smelter at Tacoma, Wash., at the rate of a 50-ton car every other day.

In addition to the above projects, there are a number of small operations and considerable development in the quartz.

With no moratorium from assessment work for mining claims and the new law in the state requiring the filing of “Proof of Labor” claim owners are getting into the mountains and are busy with their annual work.