

STAR F RANCH (manganese)

Lake Creek area

see Farrar Pits

"Tuff bodies contain soft manganese oxides and irregular streaks and nodules. Indications of manganese cover an area of about 40 acres, but the material is evidently very low in manganese. No ore is developed.

"Location: sec. 11, T. 36 S., R. 2 E.

"Authority: Pardee (21:221) reports as follows:

"On the Star F Ranch of C. L. Farrar, 5 miles north of the Tyrrell mine and 3 miles northeast of Lake Creek, red tuff forms a rounded hill 100 feet high and 30 or 40 acres in area. The surrounding land is rather flat and underlain by platy basalt, upon which the tuff rests. Near the top of the hill a shallow pit exposes small irregular streaks and nodules of manganese oxides, associated with a fibrous satiny-lustered white zeolite. The material exposed is evidently very low in manganese. Other masses of similar tuff are reported at short distances to the north and east."

"Hodge (37:15) includes the 'Farrar pit' in the same discussion as the 'Daly pit' in sec. 5, and states that the pits 'were not in actual manganese ore, but were for the sole purpose of establishing claims in case some ore was found in the vicinity.'"

Reference: Libbey & Others, 42:14 (quoted)