

RIHA CHROMITE

Illinois River area

Owner: F. J. Riha, 4316 Claybourn Street, Burbank, California

Location: $W\frac{1}{2} SW\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 37 S., R. 8 W., on Squaw Creek, about 2 miles north of Oak Flat road and 500 feet off the Squaw Creek road.

Area: Deeded land, formerly part of the Green Ranch.

History: At various times some exploration work has been done on this ground and several trenches were opened. Recently Riha acquired the property and is planning to open up the chromite.

Development: There several trenches. One is 75 feet long and must have been at least ten feet deep. It is now filled with slumped soil; bedrock could not be seen.

Geology: The area contains ultra basic rocks and serpentine. Bedrock is poorly exposed so that little information concerning the extent of the ore could be obtained. A sample of the ore assayed 53.5 % Cr_2O_3 and 15.3 % iron which gives a chrome iron ratio of 2.4:1.

References: Grants Pass Laboratory analysis CG-197.

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