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Mr. Tom Wiley
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Dear Tom:

I have been trying, off-and-on for the past month or so, to locate the Elephant (aka Ducommun) mine, a probable massive sulfide prospect reportedly (and I hope correctly) located somewhere in the 160 acres that comprise the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, T40 S, R7W, and about due east from O'Brien. This parcel is privately owned and has passed through several ownerships since one Silas Elmer Ducommun received a government patent to it shortly after the turn of the century.

The earliest published reference to its location, so far as I know, appears in the Mineral Resources of Oregon volume for Jackson and Josephine Counties. The crossed pick-and-shovel symbol for its location (No. 145) is shown on the 30' geologic map which accompanies DOGAMI Bulletin 40 (I have a copy) but, after five fruitless and frustrating afternoons of thrashing around in heavy brush and ubiquitous poison oak, I have found no sign of what should be a quite large dump at the portal of a reportedly 440-foot long adit. So, now I have ordered the appropriate air photos (probably should have done this first) and I still have one area in which to look. While waiting for the photos, however, the thought occurred to me that, somewhere amidst all that good stuff in your archives, you may have the field books or notes, circa 1940's, which led to the eventual publication of Bulletin 40, even though its authors were USGS people.

Would you please have Kathleen check out this intriguing possibility?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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*5-8-97
No field notes on B-40
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