

Uranium

Mine

Leased

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LAKEVIEW — Western Nuclear Inc., Reno, Nev., has leased the former Lucky Lass uranium mine, according to R. F. Chase, manager of the Employment Division.

Attempts to reach Western Nuclear by phone this morning were unsuccessful. In 1966 the company leased the nearby White King uranium mine which it still holds. No announcement of any intention to resume active mining has been made.

There has been a big jump of uranium claim filing in Lake County this month, according to Zane Gray, county clerk.

Gray said since Dec. 12 there have been 261 claims filed. "Some claims are probably less than the 20-acre maximum but it figures out at about eight sections of land."

Gray declined comment as to the reason, or who was most involved in claim filing. However, most people believe the energy shortage has increased the interest in uranium.

Gray said in order to keep a mining claim the law requires \$100 worth of improvement be spent on the claim each year.