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Mr. Wilfred A. Smith
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Re: Docket No. DMEA 3364 - Tungsten, Mercury, Nickel, Platinum, and Uranium
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Your application for exploration assistance in exploring for tungsten, mercury, nickel, platinum, and uranium on an un-named mining claim in the Sequoia National Forest, has been reviewed by the Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

The information submitted with your application is insufficient to justify a field examination by the Government. To substantiate the occurrence of the above-named commodities on your property and permit us to consider your application further, you should provide us with the following data:

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We will, therefore, hold your application in abeyance until the requested data have been received.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

May 20, 1954

Memorandum

To: Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Application for loan - Tungsten, Mercury, Nickel, Platinum, and Uranium
40 Acre Mining Claim
Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route, Sanger, California

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Attached are three of the four copies of an application for exploration aid received in this office on May 19, 1954.

Previous correspondence with the applicant indicates that these 40 acres are in the Sequoia National Forest, and that what he wants is a grub-stake.

H. C. Miller

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

Copy to: Roscoe Smith, USGS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 4, 1954

Memorandum

To: W. S. Martin

From: T. P. Thayer

Subject: DMEA-3364 - TUNGSTEN, nickel, etc.
Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route Sanger - California

On the face of it, this application is hopeless. The metals listed are geologically incompatible in economic quantities, and the applicant has no program.

Until the applicant provides some factual data, including assays, I would oppose bothering the Field Team, and would recommend denial.

Rec'd by G.S.

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(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

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# APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

*Not to be filled in by applicant*

Docket No. 3364
Metal or Mineral Tungsten, et al.
Date Received
Estimated Cost $60,000
Participation (Government %)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: WILFRED A. SMITH
TRIMMER ROUTE SANGER
CAL.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract 40 acre mining Claim located on Mill Run Creek 1 mile upstream of Dry Kings River. N.W. Corner of Claim located approx. S.W. corner of N.W. Quarter Section 36, T12S, R26E, Sequoia National Forest, Fresno County, Cal.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Located and recorded mineral claim.

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it —

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice. Fresno County Recorders Office No. 67841, Book 3383 Page 435

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) St[illegible]e mineral or minerals for which you wish [illegible]lore TUNGSTEN, MERCURY, NICKEL, PLATINUM, URANIUM.

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc. Want to make a general survey of entire property.

(*c*) The work will start within 180 days and be completed within 24 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations. 20 years business experience in exploration and 6 months mining experience

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☒ Use of ~~equipment~~ owned by you ☒ Other LABOR 100%

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated May 6, 1954

Wilfred A. Smith
(Applicant)

By

**Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.**

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ITEM 4

(a) Some exploration work is in progress by myself. There are existing production facilities. accessible for examination.

(b)(c) There are a number of mineralized outcropping veins of rock.

(d) Access, shipping and supply are good except need bridge across a creek. 30 miles to railhead and supplies.

(e) all are available.

ITEM 6

Estimated cost of complete exploration of 40 acre tract is $50,000.00.

(a) Drilling — $15,000.00
Sinking — $10,000.00
Bulldozer Op. $ 10,000.00
Misc. — 1,000.00
Supervision — $ 14,000.00
Inspection $ 50,000.00

(b) Not available except resident supervisor and inspector (self) — $483.33 per month plus $100 per month expense allowance.

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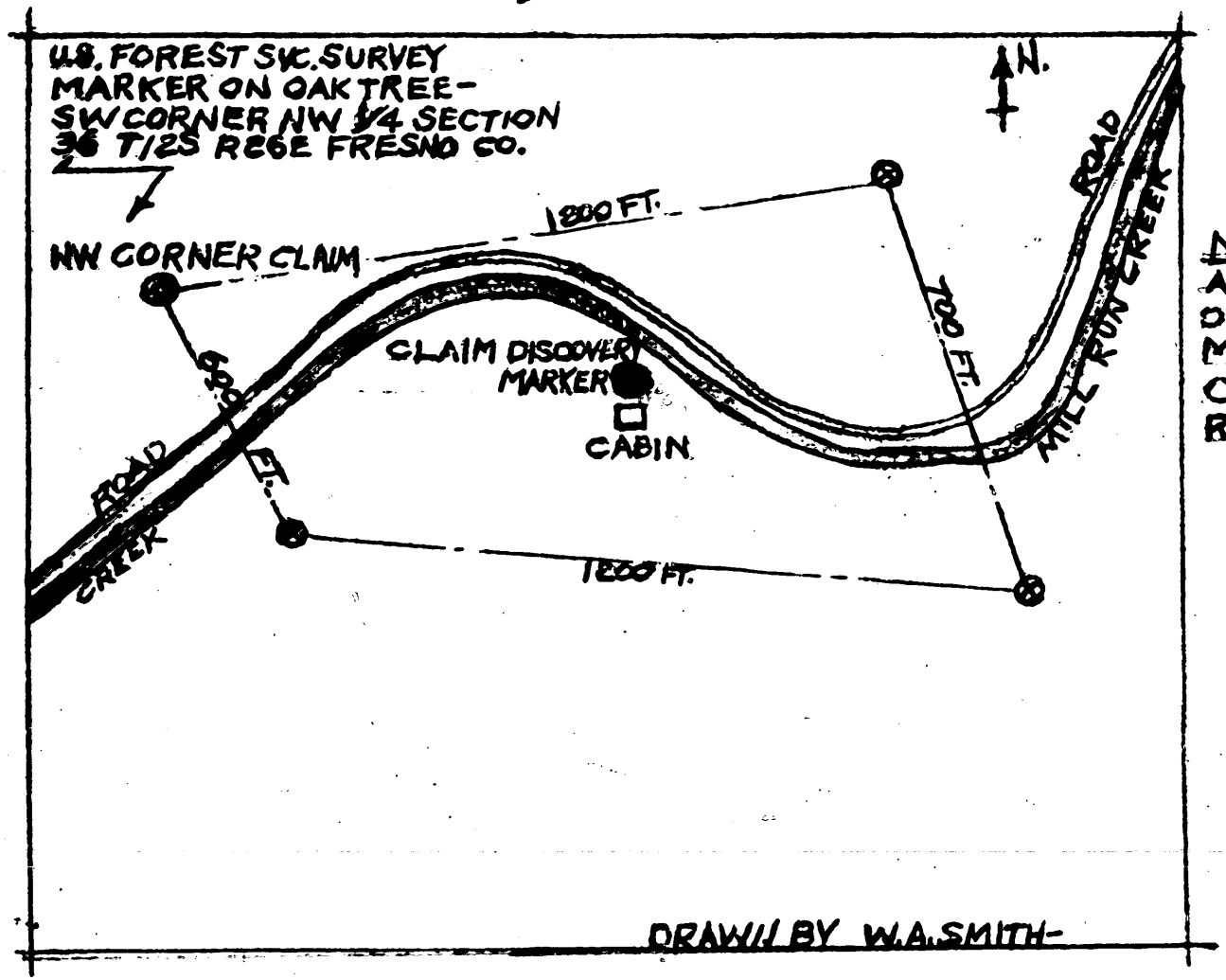
(c) Not available
(d) Equipment to be furnished by self include misc. hand tools, drill steel, and a rock processing plant to process samples.
(e) Rock processing plant requires $2500.00 in repairs.
(f) Bunk house and tool shed $3500.00
(g) Not available. Would be included in independent contract lump sum same as items (d) and (f).
(h) Would want a 20% contingency fund set up for emergency use, or $10,000.00.

# W.A. SMITH MINERAL CLAIM

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST –
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

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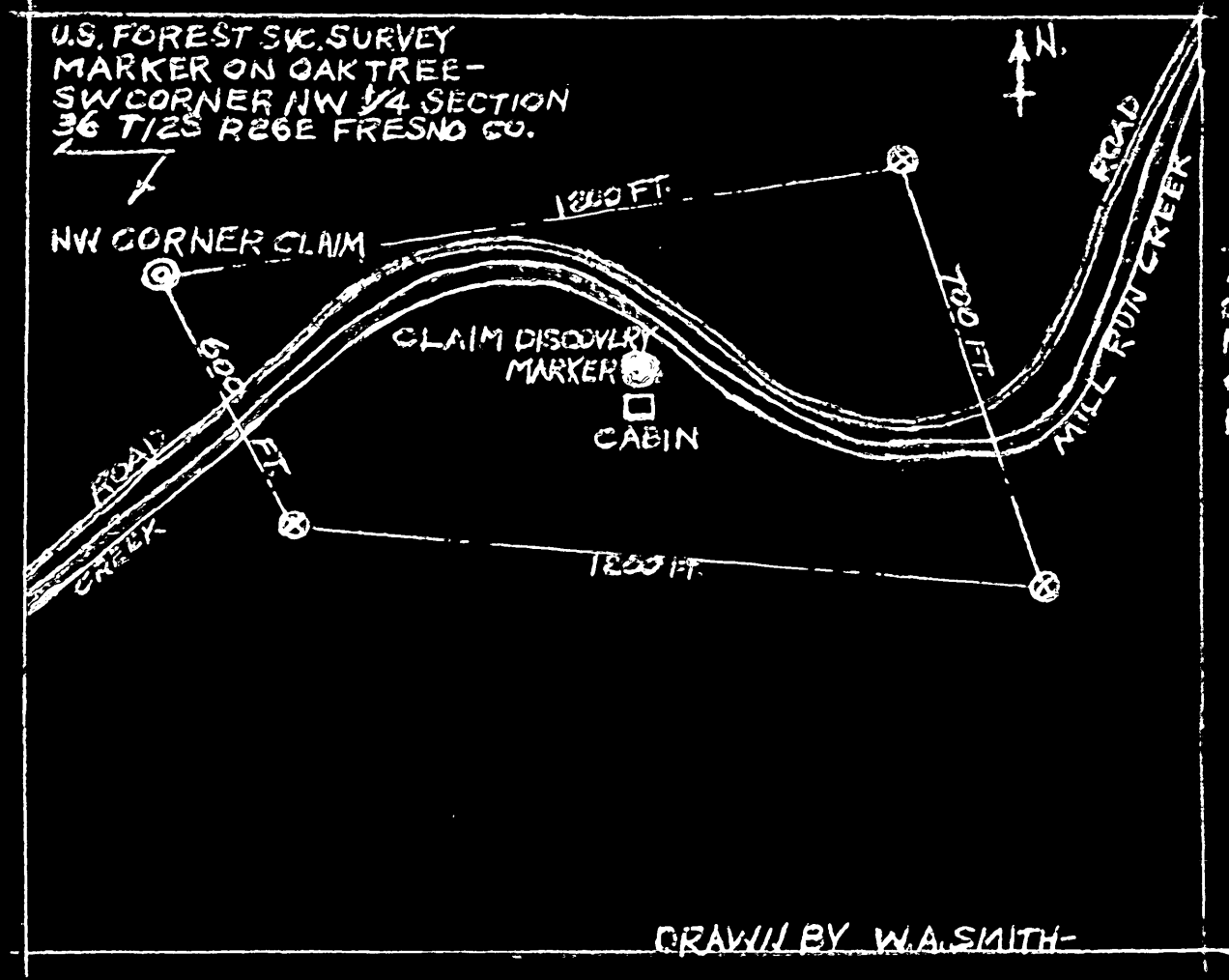


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Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1955, informing us of veins showing carnotite within the area of the docketed application.

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If you wish to give us all possible information, with maps or sketches and assays, and the work required to explore the property, with costs, we will consider re-activation of your application and possibly request a Field Team examination; or if you so desire, you may make a new application.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Thor Kiilsgaard, USGS
Robt. Holliday, USBM

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August 11, 1955

Defense Minerals Exploration Adm.
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA 3364
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Fresno County, California

Gentlemen:

In reply to your last letter of June 10, 1954, please be advised that some new developments have occurred which change the picture considerable.

I have located a couple of good veins of uranium ore on property owned by me. I will operate a larger crew to prospect and develop these veins. I will be in a position to furnish you with a report on my progress in a few months.

matter.

I would like for you to publish this and make a little header if it looks like something pretty good.

Very truly yours,
W. H. Smith
Truman Rail
Los Angeles, California

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REMARKS: This applicant has ignored 3 requests for more information, and since this letter has been returned for a better address, which we can't supply, the letter should be filed in the master docket.

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

W. S. Martin
*Initials of sender.*

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REMARKS: .....

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

ROBERT E. ADAMS

*Initials of sender.*

GPO 16—63815-1

July 1, 1954

Defense Mineral Exploration Adm.
Washington 25, D.C.
attn. Mr. W. S. Martin,
Chief, Iron & Ferro-alloys Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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Dear Sir;

In regard to your letter of June 10, which is a request for additional data, after a review of my application, I will answer it by the numbered paragraphs in your letter.

(1) The geologic and technical data you request in this paragraph is not available.

(2) The proposed work would consist of having an experienced mining engineer or geologist examine the rock outcrops on the property and determine from these the quantities of the various minerals present and the location of the richest veins and deposits.

From the data obtained from a field survey of this type he could make up a detailed map showing where shafts and drillings should be made to outline the quantities of the various ores present. I am enclosing herewith a map of the property as per your request. Please have photostats made for your files and return the original. Would appreciate a copy of the photostat.

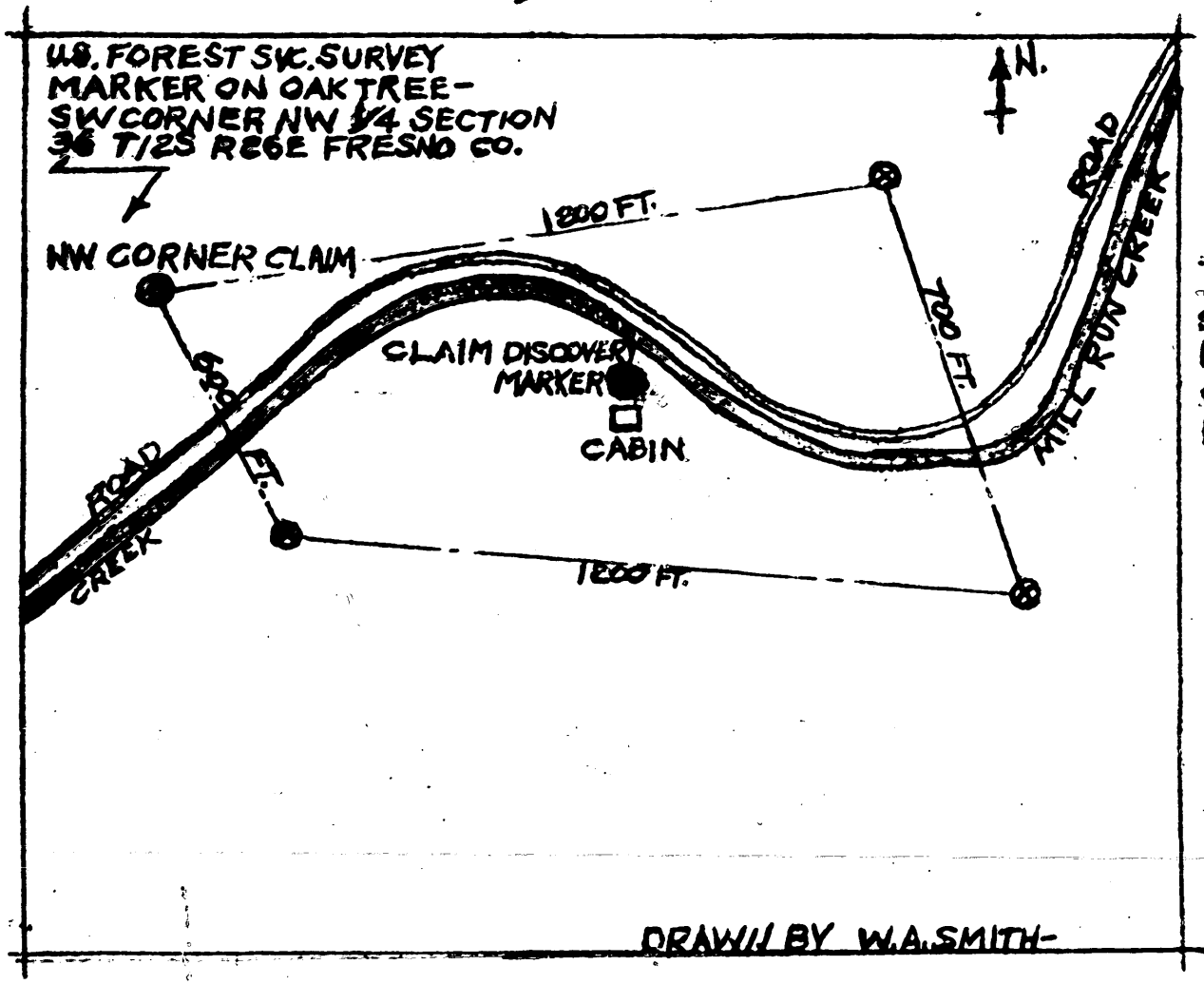
(3) A really detailed and accurate cost estimate could not be prepared until the preliminary exploration work outlined in Par. (2) above is done. Until then the rough estimate included with my application is as close as could be estimated.

Very truly yours
Wilfred Alger Smith
Trimmer Route Sanger,
California

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE ELECTRIC POWER ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

# W.A. SMITH MINERAL CLAIM

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST –
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.




NOTE. NW CORNER MARKER IS ALUMINUM PLATE ON OAK TREE. OTHER MARKERS ARE STONE MONUMENTS.
CLAIM STAKED DEC. 20, 1953,
RECORDED DEC. 29, 1953.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE ELECTRIC POWER ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DOCKET
Surname:
Rutledge
Martin
Mattendorf

JUN 10 1954

Mr. Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route
Sanger, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA 3364 - Tungsten, Mercury, Nickel, Platinum, and Uranium
NW¼, Sec. 36, T. 12 S., R. 26 E.
Fresno County, California

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your application for exploration assistance in exploring for tungsten, mercury, nickel, platinum, and uranium on an unnamed mining claim in the Sequoia National Forest, has been reviewed by the Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

The information submitted with your application is insufficient to justify a field examination by the Government. To substantiate the occurrence of the above-named commodities on your property and permit us to consider your application further, you should provide us with the following data:

(1) Description of the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit, and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Include any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you. Assay data are particularly necessary because our information indicates that the metals for which you requested exploration assistance are geologically incompatible in economic quantities.

R.S.S.

(2) Description of the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration as related to such features as contacts, veins, and ore-bearing beds.

(3) Detailed estimate of the costs for each type of work proposed.

We will, therefore, hold your application in abeyance until the requested data have been received.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Martin, Chief
Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

Copy to: DOCKET
FIELD TEAM, REG. III
CODE 400
OPER. COMMITTEE
ADM. READ. FILE
R. W. GEEHAN, USBM
T. P. THAYER, USGS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Docket

June 4, 1954

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Memorandum

To: W. S. Martin

From: T. P. Thayer Thayer

Subject: DMEA-3364 - TUNGSTEN, nickel, etc.
Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route, Sanger - California

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 25, 1954

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

From: Chief, Operation's Control and Statistics Division

Subject: Assignment of Docket Number

There is listed below the assigned docket number to an application recently received from Region III.

DMEA - 3364 Wilfred A. Smith

Robert E. Adams,
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

Mr. Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route
Sanger, California

May 25, 1954
Subject: DMEA-3364
Re: Exploration Assistance

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your application dated May 6, 1954 for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-3364 and referred to the Iron and Ferro Alloys Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-3364 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

May 20, 1954

Memorandum

To: Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Application for loan - Tungsten, Mercury, Nickel, Platinum, and Uranium
40 Acre Mining Claim
Wilfred A. Smith
Trimmer Route, Sanger, California

Attached are three of the four copies of an application for exploration aid received in this office on May 19, 1954.

Previous correspondence with the applicant indicates that these 40 acres are in the Sequoia National Forest, and that what he wants is a grub-stake.

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

Copy to: Roscoe Smith, USGS

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
## DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

## APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

*Not to be filled in by applicant*

Docket No. 3364
Metal or Mineral Tungsten, et al.
Date Received
Estimated Cost $60,000
Participation (Government %)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: WILFRED A. SMITH
TRIMMER ROUTE SANGER
CAL.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract 40 acre Mining claim located on Mill Run Creek 1 mile upstream from Kings River. NW Corner of claim located on SW corner of NW Quarter Section 36, T12S, R26E, Sequoia National Forest, Fresno County, Cal.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Located and recorded mineral claim.

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it —

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice. Fresno County Recorders office No. 64841, Book 3385 Page 435

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore TUNGSTEN, MERCURY, NICKEL, PLATINUM, URANIUM.

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc. Want to make a general survey of entire property.

(*c*) The work will start within 180 days and be completed within 24 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations. 20 years business experience. Self-taught and 6 months mining experience.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☒ Other LABOR 100%.

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated May 6, 1954

Wilfred A. Smith
(Applicant)

By

**Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.**

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DMEA FORM MF-103
(ATTACHMENT)

ITEM 4

(a) Some exploration work is in progress by myself. There are existing production facilities, accessible for examination.
(b)(c) There are a number of mineralized outcropping veins of rock.
(d) Access, shipping, and supply are good except need bridge across a creek. 30 miles to railhead and supplies.
(e) all are available.

ITEM 6

Estimated cost of complete exploration of 40 acre tract is $50,000.00.

(a)

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|---|---|
| Drilling | $15,000.00 |
| Drifting | $10,000.00 |
| Bulldozer Ops. | $10,000.00 |
| Misc. | 1,000.00 |
| Supervision | 14,000.00 |
| & Inspection | |
| | $50,000.00 |

(b) Not available except resident Supervisor and inspector (self) $483.33 per month plus $100 per month expense allowance. [Loner]

(c) Not available
(d) Equipment to be furnished by self include misc. hand tools, drill steel, and a rock processing plant to process samples.
(e) Rock processing plant requires $2500.00 in repairs.
(f) Bunk house and tool shed $3500.00.
(g) Not available. Would be included in independent contract lump sum same as items (d) and (f).
(h) Would want a 20% contingency fund set up for emergency use, or $10,000.00.

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1955, informing us of veins showing carnotite within the area of the docketed application.

As you have been advised, due to your not submitting the data requested in our letter of June 10, 1954, your application was transferred to our inactive file. The information we requested was as follows:

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If you wish to give us all possible information, with maps or sketches and assays, and the work required to explore the property, with costs, we will consider re-activation of your application and possibly request a Field Team examination; or if you so desire, you may make a new application.

Sincerely yours,

E. G. Mitchell

Administrator

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Robt. Holliday, USBM
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