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January 7, 1976

Mr. James J. Jones, Mineral Examiner
Sawtooth National Recreation Area
Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 438
Ketchum, Idaho 83340

Re: DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
A. L. Freese
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reply to your letter of December 24, 1975, requesting any information we may have in addition to that already in your possession concerning the Ura Group.

We have no additional information, in fact, we have only a copy of Plate 1 mentioned in your letter.

We regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo, Chief
Office of Minerals Exploration

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

January 7, 1976

Mr. Andrew L. Freese
Box 531
Shoshone, Idaho 83352

Re: DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
A. L. Freese
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

This is in reply to your letter of December 3, 1975, requesting that the Geological Survey release to the U.S. Forest Service copies of maps and assays pertaining to the subject property.

Maps and assays resulting from the DMEA investigation of the subject property have been furnished to the U.S. Forest Service.

Thank you for your suggestion to avoid duplication of effort to obtain data already available.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo, Chief
Office of Minerals Exploration

Copy to: Mr. James J. Jones, Mineral Examiner
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FOREST SERVICE
Sawtooth National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 438
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December 24, 1975

Director
U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Sir:

I am trying to locate any geologic or sample data on an examination that was done by the U.S.G.S. and U.S.B.M. in the 1950's in connection with a D.M.E.A. loan application. I wrote to the U.S.B.M. in Spokane and they sent me what they had. It included: (1) Geologic map of the URA veins, Plate 1, Docket No. D.M.E.A. 4091, June 1956; (2) A typed list of assay results on W-120, W-121, W-122, DM-256 through DM-263, K-397, and K-398; and (3) an undated sample location map. If you have any additional information in your files, such as sample tag descriptions, please send me a copy.

The claimant's name is Andrew L. Freese and the property is the URA Group located on the Little Beaver Creek drainage, Vienna Mining District, Blaine County, Idaho. It is located in protracted sections 12 and 13, T.6 N., R.13 E., and Sections 7 and 18, T.6 N., R.14 E.

I am attaching a letter from Mr. Freese giving the Forest Service permission to obtain the information. Since the letter is addressed to the U.S.G.S. please send Mr. Freese an answer.

Very truly yours,

James J. Jones

JAMES J. JONES
Mineral Examiner-SNRA

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THE DIRECTOR, U.S.G.S.
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3 DECEMBER 1975

SIR, back in the '50's, I put in for a $35,000 DMEA on the URA group of IDAHO TUNGSTEN claims. DONALD ALVOORD, USGS, & ED PARSONS US BUMINES looked at one of the 6 URA#3 zones. MR. ALVOORD said if any of it went 1% he'd recommend it; and that he'd send me copies of the maps & assays. To date I never got them, altho 3 mining companies did, and thru one of them (CODERO) I got some of the assays, one of which ran 1.16% WO3. A year or 2 later, ALBANY BUMINES sent out 2 men to look at the same ground; when we mutually agreed this would be wasteful govt. duplication, I didn't take them up. Then 2 or 3 yrs. ago I found USGS party KIILSGAARD & AGUILAR wandering around the mt. one SUNDAY; and took them to a very brief visit to URA#3; while SENOR AGUILAR & I went back after the car, KIILSGAARD walked off the contact & he too missed the other 5 parallel zones that are within 300 feet of the discovery lode. (The initial DMEA party didn't bother to look at them).

NOW the U.S. FOR. SERVICE wants to check the ground all over again. In fact they landed a helicopter on or near URA#3 but didn't see the diggings. PRES. FORD has denounced govt. red tape; budgets are allegedly being cut back (the FOREST SERVICE told me this week they hav no funds this year for cadastral work they want to do); there is an energy shortage of substantial dimensions where we are not supposed to waste expensiv aviation gasoline duplicating agencies' work.

What I ask you is to release copies of maps and assays to the U.S.F.S. to save costly aviation fuel etc. The USGS was doing some major triangulation work at the time & MR. ALVOORD did some triangulating from beside the big tree with the discovery notice to tie into this. The F.S. crowd say they are especially interested in a cadastral tie in this un-surveyed area, N.W. BLAINE COUNTY IDAHO near headwaters SALMON RIVER. I do not mind confessing that my experience leads me to believe US.G.S. & F.S. field work has been excessiv in quantity & short on some of the other qualities. ("he [George III] has sent swarms of Officers to eat out our substance" Declaration of Independence

I ask you to provide NOT ME but to the FOR. SERV. the triangulation and sampling data off URA#3 to save the taxpayers costly duplication. Please note that these are YOUR taxes being blown away too.

The FOREST SERVICE has agreed to use the information, if as I do I authorize you to release it to them, for validation purposes if it comes directly to them from you rather than thru me. DO NOT send it to me. CONGRESS in late AUG. 1972 passed a law saying under no circumstances shall the SECR. OF AGRICULTURE determine the validity or invalidity of mining claims (a job which has been in INTERIOR FOR a century). This perturbs the FOREST SERVICE hardly at all. But the FOR. SERV. authorizes itself on page 17 of their new regulations to call in INTERIOR on questions of mineral values etc. for planning and they state the miner has the same right but that it must be done THRU THEM. This is what I'm doing now for the above reasons & to see how it works out.

Cordially,

A. L. Freese

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Excerpt from Mr. Mittendorf's diary, 2/6/57:

Mrs. Barnes, of Senator Church's office, phoned to discuss docket 4091, which is the Freese case. She explained that the Senator had just received a letter from Freese soliciting his efforts to get a copy of the map and assays made during the course of our examination. She said she understood that Senator Dworshak received a similar letter, so I might well expect a call from him.

I briefed Mrs. Barnes on the background in this case and read her excerpts of my letter to Freese dated Jan. 3 of this year and also parts of Kiilsgaard's letter reprimanding Alvord quite severely. I told her we had not received a reply from Freese to my letter of the 3d. She asked that I advise her of any new developments in the case.

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DOCKET
SURNAME
Martin
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Mr. A. L. Freese
1503½ North 25th Street
Boise, Idaho

3 JAN 1957

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

In your letter of December 11 you imply that we exercised bias in our investigation of Mr. Dan Alvord's release of a map of your property, a release you had previously called to our attention. We are sincerely sorry that you have interpreted our investigation in that manner. It has never been our practice to misinform any DMEA applicant. We diligently try at all times to be absolutely impartial in our actions, rendering our decisions solely on the evidence placed before us.

As a basis for my letter of December 6, I used a previous letter from our Spokane office wherein it was clearly stated that:

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Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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Re: Docket 4091 - Tungsten
Ura Group
Blaine Co., Idaho

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Signed 1-2-57

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
[redacted]
No. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

December 20, 1956

Mr. Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Staff Assistant for DMEA
Mineral Deposits Branch
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Thor:

I have looked over the last Freese letter and am sorry that Mr. Freese takes the attitude he does. Mr. Freese simply repeats his charges and there is little or nothing that I can add to my letter to Mr. Pittenger on the matter.

I am in agreement with you that perhaps the best course would be to offer Freese a new examination by a different crew, although I doubt that Freese would be satisfied if this should also result in a turn-down. Actually the property was not turned down on the geology but on the cost of getting a road to it compared to what we believe to be the probable small size of the deposit. It is unfortunate that Freese is taking his wrath out on Alvord for actually Alvord was in favor of recommending the property until the cost of a road was pointed out to him, and he rather reluctantly came to the conclusion that the application should be denied. In this respect Alvord is unfairly being made the whipping boy.

Perhaps it might help if in some manner this could be pointed out diplomatically to Freese, but this would have to be done carefully also it will merely transfer the onus to somebody else.

I have also come to the conclusion that since the property map has unfortunately gotten into unauthorized hands, our only feasible course is to have a copy of the map released to Freese through the Administrator. Enclosed is a print of the map.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region I Northwest Dist.

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December 19, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Administrator

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

Subject: Letter of December 11, 1956, to Administrator from Mr. A. L. Freese, re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten Ura Group, Blaine County, Idaho

To indicate to what extent we dodged, as claimed in letter of December 11, 1956, from Mr. Freese, the questions in his letter of November 5, 1956, the following analysis is submitted. When taken one after the other, the individual excerpts from his letter constitute the whole letter. Each excerpt seems to us to be one question and the parenthetical inserts show whether or not we answered each question. Quotations preceded by DMEA are from our reply of December 6, 1956, and are supported by quotations (identified by W.) from Mr. Weissenborn's letter to Mr. Selfridge of November 25, 1956, on which we relied for our facts.

Freese:

"U. S. Dept. of Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.
C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

5 Nov 56
Re: Docket #4091
Tungsten, Ura
Group

Mr. Mittendorf, thank you for your letter of October 8th. It came as a surprise since Mr. Alvord, U.S.G.S. during his field trip said he would recommend it if any of it went 1%."

(DMEA - "So far as we can now determine, both you and Mr. D. C. Alvord misunderstood one another to an unfortunate extent. - - - - - Mr. Alvord, in attempting to be non-committal, may have stated generally that he would recommend the property if the assays were high enough, but does not recall saying that he "would recommend it if any of it went 1%."

W. "Regarding the allegation that the property would be recommended "if it went 1%", Alvord informs me that this is probably a misunderstanding or mis-interpretation on Mr. Freese's part. Alvord thinks he may have said that he would recommend the property if the assays were high enough, or some similar generality; he does not recall making the specific statement attributed to him by Mr. Freese.")

Freese: "He also promised to send me maps and assays, but he never did."

(DMEA - "Certainly, no copy of the map which he made for his examination report should have been given to anyone outside the U. S. Government.)

W.- "Alvord states that he may have told Mr. Freese that he would send him a copy of the map. He did not do so because he found that this is contrary to our practice!)

Freese: "He tole me not to write or I wouldn't get them, but I havn't got them even so. Is there any possibility for me to get them?"

(DMEA - "We are also advising the Field Team that we would not object to their showing the map to you, especially as the assay results have apparently been reported to you already."

W. - "Not uncommonly it is necessary to show an operator our map of his property in order to discuss the proposed exploration program with him, and it is not unusual that our map forms one of the exhibits in the contract and thus becomes a part of the contract itself. In no case is it our practice to give a map to an applicant.")

Freese: "I understand that other applicants have received this courtesy, ... (Reply omitted intentionally; every previous instance has been a special case. Please see review dated November 15, 1955, in Admiralty Alaska Docket No. DMEA 1856, prepared in connection with the Deputy Solicitor's related letter of November 29, 1955, to Mr. Julien S. Colyer.)

Freese: ". . . and this data would be useful to me in carrying on without government help." (Reply omitted, as we had no means of assurance that Mr. Freese would not use our map to promote his property,)

Freese: "Oddly, Mr. Alvord DID send them immediately to J. E. Gilbert, Palo Alto, Calif. manager of Cordero Mining Co. without my knowledge or consent. Gilbert wrote his field agent Marion Schendell to hurry up to look at my claims. Schendell was frank to say that Alvord did this because he was a "good friend" of Gilbert and wanted to give them a chance at it."

(DMEA - "It was not because he was a friend of Mr. J. E. Gilbert, with whom he had no previous acquaintance, but because Mr. Alvord believed he was being helpful to you, that he suggested that the Cordero Mining Company determine whether you wished to have your claims examined by its representative."

W. - "Mr. Gilbert is not a "good friend" of Alvord; in fact, Alvord had never seen him until Gilbert visited this office on other business.")

Freese: ""Alvord knew I had two other companies considering it. It is only from Schendell who read me assays furnished by Alvord that I learned that the 4 channels taken on the main showing ran 1.16%, 40¢, .35, & .40. There was another listed at about .17 tho where it was from I couldn't learn."

(DMEA - "We understand that you stated you would be unable to finance your share of the cost of a DMEA contract and therefore hoped to lease your property and assign any such contract to the lessee. The presence of the two engineers from the Triumph Mining Company during his examination, and your request that Mr. Alvord give information concerning the property to Sunshine Mining Company, evidently convinced him that such was your intention.")

W. - ""On talking with Gilbert, Alvord learned that Gilbert was interested in tungsten, and he or one of his men would be in the vicinity of Mr. Freese's property. Knowing that Mr. Freese wanted assistance, and believing, despite the impending DMEA denial, that the property might merit further prospecting, he suggested to Gilbert that he get in touch with Mr. Freese. Unfortunately, he also gave Gilbert a copy of the map. This action was taken in what appears to have been a sincere desire to help Mr. Freese. Regarding Mr. Freese's allegation that Alvord gave a copy of the map to Mr. Rowland King of Sunshine Mining Company, Alvord says that is not true. Mr. King, in a telephone conversation with me, confirmed this. He stated that Mr. Freese had written him that Alvord had a map of the property and that he (King) could see it. Mr. King states that neither he nor anyone from Sunshine Mining Company asked to see the map. No one in this office recalls any attempt by Sunshine to obtain this map." It did not seem to us that Freese had said that Alvord gave a copy of the map to King. We therefore spoke of "your request that Mr. Alvord give information.")

Freese: "Alvord also gave information WITH my permission to Sunshine Mfg. Co. (Mr. Rowland King) but none to me."

(DMEA - "Mr. Alvord ran the risk of being misinterpreted when he furnished data on your property to a third party even though you had orally approved that action.")

Freese: "The ethical concerns arising from Donald Alvord's doing is for your disposition, but my question remains - why can't I - the applicant - get the maps and assays in order to see what is being denied?" (This was not answered as we believed it would require repetition of material previously covered in our reply.")

Freese: "Again, I have another question. How do you people know that the probability of disclosing tungsten ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation?"

(DMEA - "In asking why your application was denied you have misquoted our letter of October 8, 1956, by omitting the word "minable" from

our statement that "the probability of disclosing minable tungsten ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation." We also stated: "As you will appreciate, the final decision on applications must be made here in Washington where the necessary review is made, and our staff can obtain the benefit of consultations with the commodity specialists of the Geological Survey and U. S. Bureau of Mines.")

Freese: "Let me tell you about the field team's work. Arriving without having breakfasted, they fiddled away the best part of the day on the no#2 claim while I was insisting that it was of lesser importance. While they found a great deal of time to measure the distance and angle from a corner stake to the discovery post, they didn't even look at two parallel zones on URA#2 within a few hundred feet; Alvord saying they couldn't see everything. When we got to #3, I continued to assist Alvord with mapping while the Triumph engineer who was along helped Edward Parsons, U. S. Bureau of Mines take assays. I could not persuade this field team to walk 250 feet DOWNHILL to look at another show, which is continuously exposed for 500 feet and is up to 6 feet wide with scheelite mineralization. There are 3 zones on Ura#2 and 4 zones on Ura#3. They looked at 1 zone on Ura#2 and 2 zones that were close they appeared to run together on Ura#3. Thus, I ask: How do you know? The persistence of tactite, scheelite, and formation thru the mountain and to much lower elevations was not checked at all."

(DMEA - "We understand that the examiners mapped and sampled what you indicated to be your most promising structures. Where the best exposures do not justify Government aid for exploration, it is unlikely that the lesser showings would substantiate a more favorable opinion."

W. - "As far as the allegations that an incomplete examination was made of the property is concerned, I have not seen the property personally, but I think that the examiners' report speaks for itself. The examiners mapped and sampled what Mr. Freese indicated to be his most promising structures; if these were not good enough it is unlikely that lesser showings would alter their opinion of the property. The examiners found that the ore lenses are small in size, erratically distributed and their average grade is only around 0.5 percent WO_3. Also, the property is in difficult terrain, is snowbound for long periods of time, and nearly three miles of road, costly to build and maintain, would have to be constructed before any extensive amount of exploration could even begin. In view of these facts, I see no reason to differ with the recommendation for denial made in the examiners' report and concurred with in the Field Team's letter of September 12, 1956.)

Freese: "If this application has been denied because of a large excess in tungsten supplies, I would like to know of this."

(DMEA - Our denial was not related in any way to the supply position of tungsten, as that is not one of the DMEA criteria. It was without prejudice to your property.")

Freese: "As to Mr. Alvord's loud, red sympathies, I had already written to an investigatory agent of another department before receiving your letter. /s/ A. L. Freese".

(We intentionally omitted any reply to the allegation regarding Mr. Alvord's philosophy. If Mr. Freese, as he states, has written to an investigatory agent of another department, his information will probably receive all the attention it deserves).

For the record I marked the above assertion with an asterisk and made the following notation in the file: "* Nonsense; Alvord is a veteran. He was in the Army from 2-23-43 to 4-1-46. WSM 12/3/56").

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C O P Y

December 10, 1956

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091
A. L. Freese, Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Mr. Donald Alvord
U. S. Geological Survey
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Dear Don:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. A. L. Freese, signed by the Administrator, is self-explanatory. It represents a sincere effort to answer to the allegations brought against you by Mr. Freese. Whether the letter will satisfy Mr. Freese and clear up this incident remains to be seen, but let us hope that it is successful.

In reviewing the Freese matter, it is apparent that you exercised poor judgment in releasing a copy of your map of Mr. Freese's property to Mr. Gilbert of the Cordero Mining Company. By that action you violated rules and regulations issued by DMEA, which prohibit the release of confidential data in field reports to unauthorized persons and of which you had been previously informed. You also violated Survey rules by releasing your unpublished map.

To remind you of the various rules governing the conduct of a Survey representative seems unnecessary. These rules are clearly defined in the Branch Manual and it is your responsibility to know and abide by them. Insofar as your DMEA work is concerned, it is also your responsibility to acquaint yourself with the various Procedural Instructions, Memoranda, Circular Letters, Special Notices in the Operating Committee Minutes, and inter-office directives on rules and regulations. You should particularly reacquaint yourself with Procedural Instruction No. 12, and the Special Notice in Operating Committee Minutes No. 691.

I sincerely hope you will benefit from this incident by exercising more prudence in your future dealings with the public. Further failure on your part to abide by the rules governing Survey and DMEA work could result in severe reprimanding action being taken against you.

Sincerely,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Staff Assistant for DMEA

Enclosure
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Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten
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Mr. Martin –
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Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
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Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
A. L. Freese - Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

In accordance with your letter of November 14, I have discussed the examination of the Ura Group with Mr. Alvord, with particular respect to the allegations made by Mr. Freese regarding the unauthorized disclosure of information.

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Regarding Alvord's "loud, red sympathies," I do not know, of course, what he may have said in Mr. Freese's presence. I have never seriously discussed politics with Alvord but such statements as I have heard him make would suggest that he tends to be on the conservative, not the radical, side in his political philosophy.

On reviewing the situation, it is obvious that Alvord erred seriously in giving a copy of the map to an outside person, with or without Mr. Freese's permission. I think that it is clear that this was a misguided attempt to aid Mr. Freese and can be attributed to Alvord's overenthusiasm and lack of experience rather than to any intended wrongful action on his part. It should be borne in mind that this was one of the first examinations that Alvord made on his own. This does not absolve him from blame for there are clear instructions concerning such matters of which he was aware, but I think it safe to say that Alvord now very keenly realizes his mistake and is most unlikely to commit the same error again.

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Sincerely yours,

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Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten
Urn Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

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It will be appreciated if you will review for us the allegations made by Mr. Freese with particular respect to the Special Notice in Operating Committee Minutes No. 691 of July 13, 1956, relating to disclosure of information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
Chairman, Operating Committee

APPROVED:

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C. O. Mittendorf

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MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region I

From: E. W. Parsons, Mining Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and D. C. Alvord, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Field examination report, Docket No. DMEA-4091 (Tungsten), A. L. Freese, Ura Group, Blaine County, Idaho

INTRODUCTION

In an application dated November 28, 1955, A. L. Freese, 2d, of 1503½ N. 25th. St., Boise, Idaho, requested DMEA assistance to explore for tungsten in Blaine County, Idaho, by constructing more than 1 mile of access road, constructing necessary buildings, and driving 1,000 feet of drift at a total estimated cost of $75,000, of which the Government's share would be $56,250.

The property, comprising twelve claims known as the Ura group, is about 6 miles north of the town of Vienna at altitudes up to 10,000 feet. It is inaccessible for 6 months out of the year due to heavy snowfall.

At our first meeting with Mr. Freese, he expressed embarrassment because he had not planned on having a DMEA field examination made until after he had obtained financial backing for his property. He stated that his intentions are to sell or lease his claims to a mining company which would also assume his DMEA contract, should one be offered.

The property was examined June 26, 1956, by E. W. Parsons, Bureau of Mines, and D. C. Alvord, Geological Survey, accompanied by A. L. Freese, the applicant, and by John Barret, Mining Engineer and Geologist, and J. N. Butler, Engineering Assistant, representing the Triumph Mining Company, Triumph, Idaho.

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
9-19-56
(date)

SUMMARY

The Ura Group of claims is in an area of Paleozoic quartzites, limestones, and granite. Irregular and somewhat discontinuous bands of epidote-quartz-garnet tactite occur along or near limestone-granite contacts. The most promising structure is at least 250 feet long and

as much as 25 feet wide. The average grade of five samples of tactite from this structure is 0.48 percent WO_3; however, the structure is very irregular, with numerous splits and horses of country rock, and therefore it probably could not be mined without considerable dilution. Because of the difficult access to the claims, "lamping" at night was not practical.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

Some of the lenses within the structure are of fair grade, but because of their irregular size and erratic spacing and because of the numerous horses of waste it is concluded that the chance of making a significant discovery is not good. The applicant has no money or financial backing with which to carry out his part of the proposed contract. The proposed contract is not feasible because construction of a road more than 3 miles in length to reach the exploration site would be necessary. The last part of the road would rise about 2,000 feet on a 35°-40° slope and cost a large portion of the $75,000 mentioned in the application. Heavy snows and snowslides would block the road more than 6 months of the year. The proposed 1,000 feet of drifting is not warranted without some preliminary surface work. For these reasons it is recommended that this application be denied.

LOCATION

The Ura Group of claims, at altitudes up to 10,000 feet, is about 6 miles north of the town of Vienna, in secs. 4 and 9, T. 6 N., R. 14 E. B.M. (unsurveyed), Blaine County, Idaho.

ACCESSIBILITY

The property may be reached by following U. S. Highway 93 southerly for about 5 miles from the Alturas Lake turnoff, or southerly for about 1½ miles from Smiley Creek Lodge, thence by turning right and following a Forest Service road for 2.7 miles to Saw Mill Creek. Leaving the car here, follow a foot trail on the right side of Saw Mill Creek northerly for about 2 miles to the claims which lie to the right of the Creek. The foot trail is steep and crosses two or three dangerous snowslide areas. Both the Forest Service road and the foot trail are snowbound for about 6 months of the year. The altitude at the junction of the Forest Service road with Highway 93 is about 7,100 feet above sea level; at the start of the foot trail it is about 7,300 feet, and within the claims it is nearly 10,000 feet.

APPLICANT

A. L. Freese, applicant and locator of the Ura Group of claims, is at present a prospector. His knowledge of mining and geology is limited and apparently he has had no mining experience. During the examination Mr. Freese informed the examiners that he did not have the money to complete his part of the contract in case a loan was granted but intended to lease the claims and assign any DMEA commitments to the lessee.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The property consists of 12 unpatented lode mining claims held by A. L. Freese, by right of location. Record of location notices is filed in the Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey, Idaho, Book 157, p. 338 and 339.

PROPERTY

There are no facilities, improvements, or underground workings on the claims. There is little vegetation, and except at the south end of the Ura No. 2 "vein", there is practically no overburden. Little work has been done on the surface, and there have been no shipments of ore.

GEOLOGY

The geology of the area including the Ura claim group is reported by C. P. Ross (The Vienna District, Blaine County, Idaho: Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology Pamphlet No. 21, 1957) and by J. B. Umpleby (Ore deposits in the Sawtooth quadrangle, Blaine and Custer counties, Idaho: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 580, 1915).

The property is underlain chiefly by beds of Paleozoic quartzites and limestones, which are part of a fairly large roof pendant in granitic rocks of the Idaho Batholith (pl. 1, index map). Tongues and irregular-shaped masses of granite and aplite are fairly common, intruding the sediments along beds and along joints and minor faults. Contact metamorphic minerals such as wallastonite, epidote, and garnet are locally abundant, occuring as scattered clusters of crystals and as bands of tactite. Bands of hornfelsic rock occur locally.

The ore-bearing structures consist of somewhat irregular and discontinuous lenticulate bands of fine- to medium-grained epidote-quartz-garnet tactite occurring along or near limestone-granite contacts (pl. 1). The ore mineral, scheelite, occurs as very fine- to fine-grained crystals disseminated through the tactite groundmass.

Only two of the tactite zones were examined, although the applicant stated that there are others on the property.

The Ura No. 1 "vein" was considered by the applicant as unpromising, and our sampling substantiates his belief (pl. 1). The structure is perhaps 250 feet long and ranges from 5 to 20 feet in width, but samples cut from its most intensely mineralized portions were very low grade (0.00 to 0.08 percent WO_3).

The Ura No. 2 "vein" is considered by the applicant to be his best showing. This vein is exposed over a length of 250 feet; its north end is cut off by a granitic plug, but as its south end is covered with float its true length is not known. This structure is more lenticular than the No. 1 structure and is badly split with horses of country rock. The zone, at its widest point, consists of one band of tactite 8 feet wide and one 6 feet wide, separated by about 10 feet of limestone and granite (locality of sample 262-B). At the south end of the exposure the tactite zone has an uninterrupted width of 15 feet over a short strike interval. Otherwise the zone is split along its entire exposed length and any attempt to estimate an ore reserve would have to allow for a fairly high dilution by the many horses of waste.

Assays of five samples cut in the tactite of the Ura No. 2 "vein" ranged between 0.17 and 1.16 percent WO_3 and have a weighted average of 0.48 percent WO_3. While this might represent a fair average grade for the scheelite-bearing lenses in the tactite, dilution during mining operations would make the average grade of the mined ore much lower.

PAST OPERATION

No ore has been produced from the claims. Some shallow digging has been done along tactite formations but no discovery pits or other work was seen.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Materials, supplies, and equipment are available in Ketchum, Hailey, and Boise, Idaho. Limited manpower is available locally and at nearby mining towns such as Hailey. A small quantity of water, which would be sufficient for diamond drilling, flows from a spring high on the hillside fairly near the Ura No. 2 "vein". There are no power lines in the vicinity.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to construct a road a mile or more in length, drive 1,000 feet of drifts, and construct necessary buildings for a total cost of $75,000.

Enclosure

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Mr. A. L. Freese
1503½ No. 25th. Street
Boise, Idaho

WSN

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
URA Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

I will be in the Stanley Basin country the latter part of this week and would like to examine the URA Group during the early part of the week of June 24. Would you please write, care of General Delivery, Stanley, Idaho, and let me know if you can conveniently meet me at the Smiley Creek Lodge on June 25 or 26. The morning of the 26th would be more convenient for me, but a day or two later might be all right should you find it impossible to be at the Lodge at that time. As soon as I hear from you I will wire confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Alvord
Geologist

cc: DMEA (2)
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Surname:
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FEB 20 1956

Hon. Herman Welker
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator Welker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 1956, enclosing copy of a letter sent to you by Mr. A. L. Freese, 1503½ North 25th Street, Boise, Idaho, inquiring about the possibility of an extension of the Government's buying program for tungsten.

To expedite attention to this inquiry, we are referring a copy of Mr. Freese's letter and a copy of your letter directly to Mr. Spencer S. Shannon, Sr., Director, Office of Minerals Mobilization, Washington 25, D. C., whose agency is concerned with such programs.

For your own incidental information, our files show that on December 1, 1955, we received from Mr. Freese an application for exploration assistance for tungsten on the Ura group of claims in Blaine County, Idaho, our Docket No. DMEA-4091. After consideration here in Washington, that application was referred to the DMEA Field Team in Spokane, Washington, for review and a possible field examination.

By letter of January 25, 1956, Mr. Freese was asked to inform our Executive Officer in Spokane when the property was accessible for examination, and to provide additional information on sampling. Whether the requested exploration aid is granted or denied will depend upon the results of such examination and sampling and other information available to us here, but such action does not relate to the question raised in your constituent's above-mentioned letter.

Sincerely yours,

O. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

CC: Field Team, Region I --NW
Mr. Spencer S. Shannon, Sr., Dir., O.M.M.
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February 16, 1956

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator, Defense Minerals
Exploration Administration
Interior Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received by me from A. L. Freese of Boise, Idaho, who is interested in clarification of the stockpile program. The letter is self-explanatory and any information or material from you upon which to base a reply to Mr. Freese would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours truly,

HERMAN WELKER
U.S. Senator, Idaho

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Herman Welker
U.S. Senator
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Frank

Sen. Welker, as to tungsten, I have heard there may be an extension of the stockpile program at slightly lower levels. Rumor has it from $50 to $60 per unit instead of the present $63. This is mostly from the trade itself.

However, I have heard another rumble from outside the mining industry to the effect that another pocket veto is planned - for show. As extra buying in lead and zinc, and some others such as tin, have been seen, maybe this will not occur.

Anything you can inform me as to the likelihood of clarification one way or another will be greatly appreciated. I found some interesting shows last fall and have a $75,000 exploration program processing. Still, if tungsten's price is going to be collapsed at the end of 1956 when the stockpile will be filled, it is pretty risky. There are a number of new prospect for Idaho tungsten, I'm in the Stanley Basin area which is a new district. Dump ore on the old mines show a little tungsten, and it could be a new district of some importance. Nonetheless, if the price drops too far and the domestic industry is allowed to perish as it has before, the old mines will close and the new ones die aborning. The veins I've found are previously undiscoverd and are much better than just scattered tracings, but foreign competition has proved too much in the past due to extreme difrences in wage scales. The old Ima Mine at Patterson, a newer one near Macky - both operating are getting ready for a shut down according to my personal knowledge, and while Idaho will probably never do much in the uranium way, it is in a great scheelite belt and can become at very least the 2d or 3d producer in the nation. New applications for tungsten uses are being found almost annually. The latest is flame plating e.g. knives on one side so that they are both self sharpening and much longer lived. Also tunsten carbide drilling bits are being much more thoroly tried out. ETC.

What I am interested in is clarification as soon as possible. If the Defense Minerals program has been - largely - a success and now is to be ended, that is something to know in order to make plans accordingly. If otherwise, that too will be an important consideration. In fact, an executive of Sunshine mines, Mr. King, wrote that the tungten outlook may very well be determined by late spring. I hope so, but of course clarifying legislation can be bottled up in Committee till the end.

Sincerely,

A. L. Freese

A.L. Freese
1503½ No. 25th St.
Boise, Idaho.

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January 25, 1956

Mr. A. L. Freese, 2d
1503½ North 25th Street
Boise, Idaho

WSM

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
Urn Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

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We have been asked by our Washington office to make a report on your property. Will you please inform us when the property is accessible for examination.

Will you also, as soon as convenient, send us copies of all the assays you have of samples taken from the property.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I, NW Dist.

cc: DMEA (2)
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Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region I - Northwest District
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten
A. L. Freese, 2d
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

The above-docketed application for exploration assistance is being referred to your office for review and a possible field examination of the property. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Freese's reply of January 3, 1956, to our letter of December 29, 1955.

Copies of memoranda dated December 13, 1955, and December 16, 1955, by N. E. Nelson, Geological Survey and R. W. Holliday, Bureau of Mines, respectively, relating to the project, are also enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (2/B)

Enclosures

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (2/B)
Member, Bureau of Mines

N. E. Nelson (2/B)
Member, Geological Survey

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Boise, Idaho

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Wra Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

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If a field examination is considered necessary, the field team will so advise you and any assistance that you may give the members of the field team will be appreciated.

Referring to your letter of January 3, 1956, concerning assistance for exploration for iron, we regret to advise you that iron is no longer eligible under our exploration program.

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Mitchell

Administrator

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

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Ura group

In reply to your request of Dec 29th, I add the following. Enclosed are a map with circled X showing place of claims, the sketches, also the assay certificate. Present workings are only surface trenching on the steep slope where the outcrops are by way of location work.

In regard to samples, I hav sent another to Cordero Mng. Co., the nearest tungsten producer, who told me that on their experience with lamping it was about one percent ore (except one high-grade sample). Another sample sent to Sunshine Mng. Co. was not assayed. Mr. Rowland King, Chief Engineer, Exploration Division had this to say in his recent letter.."We have not sent the samples to the mine laboratory at Kellogg - examinations with a Mineralite confirmed the presence of scheelite, which we think suffcient at this time." These specimens were from the main tactite vein (Ura#3) and a small quartz vein on the hang wall which apparently runs to higher grade. Sunshine with Lucky Friday has a big zinc prospect 15 miles away, and Mr. King asks me to let him know when "the ground is bare next spring" as "there may be something definite about the government purchase plan for tungsten concentrates" by then. Incidentally, this U.S. hiway#93 was kept open last winter, but has been shut this year for various reasons - floods in Idaho roads, low traffic, etc. I talked to the hiway officials last week and learned it can be opened next winter and thereafter if there is the traffic to make it worth while. WSM

As to #5 of your letter, Mr. Martin, book 157 pages 338 and 339 of the Blaine County quartz records are the ones for my Ura claims. However, as to the "Right of location" on a Forest Reserve you ask for, I'm not clear if you want me to quote the traditional U.S . mining law that opens public lands to prospectors or what. The claim papers themselves I don't want to let go of, especially since they represent no "right" but my personal record of "claim" to the ground. The "right" derives from the general U.S. law of long standing, altho of course it has been amended as recently as 2 Mar '55, according to the copy of this new legislation sent me by Sen. Welker - its on ash, cinders, pumice, sand, and gravel. However, you can call up the Chief Forester in Wash. D.C. and refer to the map enclosed, if you doubt the ground is open. I have checked on the matter verbally and found it to be open even in the nearby "primitive area" which the Foresters would like miners to think is not open, but which they admit is open when you press them hard enuf. I have even checked up on the permit to build a road, which takes two weeks and the road builder pays for the knocked down trees if commercial timber. The rangers don't want to accept applications until immediately before the actual building, which is not the way I would prefer it but is standard practice. I am a U.S citizen, legalage. Pub Law 167

I might add that this Cordero Mng. Co. with lots of very good ore is operating as tho to be on a shut-down basis by July 1956,says the manager, and not attempting to develop reserves. Harry Marsh, Secr. Idaho Mng. Assoc. tells me that the long time producer Ima Mine here in Idaho with .6% ore is getting ready to shut down. Getchell Mines in Nevada write that they aren't interested

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in tungsten prospects no matter how good, as they expect the price to collapse soon. This is the view of the State Mine Inspector locally. Mr. Robinson, manager of the Blaine County Triumph mine - a lead, zinc, silver, gold, producer with an ex-Getchell man on his staff has expressed interest in the prospect and wants to make a general survey of the area next spring. He checked one nearby lead prospect last year and says he wants to go back for a more careful survey.

Tungsten

I note on pages 124 & 129 of the Malone Committee report, successor to the Paley Report, Report of the Minerals, Materials, and Fuels Economic Sub-Committee of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs pursuant to Sen. Resolution 143 on the A ccessibility of Strategic and Critical Materials to the U.S. in Time of War and for our Expanding Economy that official interest is expressed in the problem. "It is hoped that the industry will not be permitted to die, as it has twice before, after termination of the program". Etc.

The sketches are enclosed, but I might underscore that a certain latitude is essential in how much work needs to be done, as no one can tell exactly how far it will be necessary to go into the mountainside to pick up the vein, which sometimes but not always runs conveniently true in direction - strike and dip.

Finally, I note that you are Chief of the Iron etc. Division. Is there any program at all for iron now ? I found an interesting iron situation, very high grade pure in regard to pesky elements such as phos and sulfur, and with good geological possibilities, but I thot that iron was out as far as DMEA aid and interest were concerned.

Yours truly,

A. L. Freese

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Boise, Idaho

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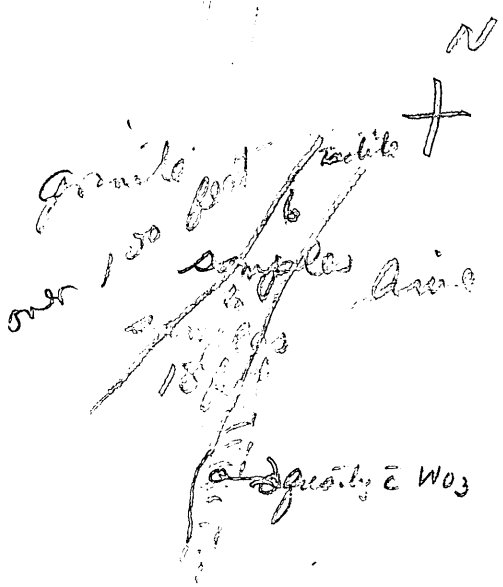
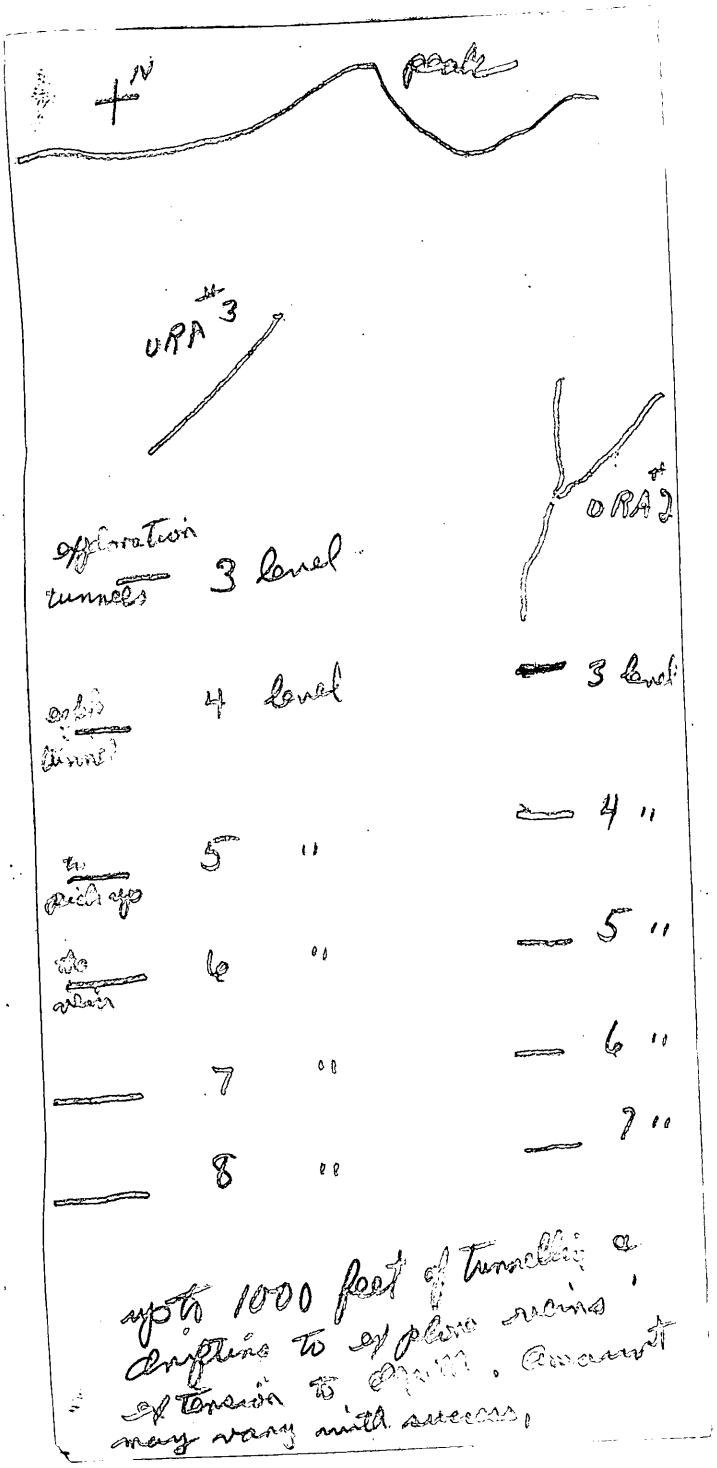


Strike of veins runs roughly according the the slope of the mountain which may indicate short tunneling to pick up the veins - except at the Canyon Bottom.

Samill Canyon Creek 1000 ft. below peak of Sva. Mt.



December 17, 1955

Mr.

A. H. HOLLAND, PRES.
EDMUND E. PHILLIPS, VICE-PRES.—GEN. MGR.

OUR MOTTO:—WHAT THERE IS IN IT, NO MORE, NO LESS.

M. E. HOLLAND, TREASURER
M. E. PHILLIPS, SECRETARY

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Nov. 10, 1955.

REPORT ON DETERMINATIONS MADE FOR— Mr. A. Langdon Freese,
Boise, Idaho.

SAMPLE MARKS	METALS	Amount per Ton Ozs.	Amount per Ton Hds.	PER CENT	Value per Ton Dollars	Value per Ton Cents
	Platinum	none				
	Tungsten Trioxide			0.84%		

GOLD AT _____ PER OUNCE SILVER AT _____ PER OUNCE
LEAD AT _____ PER UNIT COPPER AT _____ PER UNIT

THE COLORADO ASSAYING COMPANY

By Edmund Phillips

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Mr. A. L. Freese, 2d
1503½ North 25th Street
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Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

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5. Right of location on Forest Reserve, book and page number of claim locations.

Sincerely yours,

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

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BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 16, 1955

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Iron & Ferroalloys Division-DMEA
Through: Acting Chief, Branch of Ferrous Metals & Ferroalloys

From: Commodity Specialist-Tungsten

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4091
URA Group, Blaine County, Idaho
A. L. Freese
1503 1/2 No. 25th, Boise, Idaho
$75,000-Tungsten

Subject application proposes construction of a one mile access road, 1000 feet of tunnel, and construction of buildings.

I have found no record of previous work in the area. Confirmation of statements and additional information will be needed for an appraisal of this application.

It is recommended that a field examination be made when this area becomes accessable.

R. W. Holliday

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Copy to: Ferrous Metals
Mr. Holliday
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Mr. Geehan

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Mr. A. L. Freese, 2d
1503½ North 25th Street
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In view of our letter of Dec 12, 1895 to Wassaw Boring, the Division [illegible] unit to the applicants for additional information to justify a field examination, especially as, since the examination can not be made until spring.

Some information [illegible] is required.

Details maps of property, showing location of [illegible] buildings and proposed work, also [illegible] of [illegible]. Assay results from samples taken [illegible] of Langdon [illegible] (State [illegible]) [illegible]

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Re: DMEA 4091
A. L. Freese
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho
$75,000.00 - Tungsten

Memorandum

W&G

To: W. S. Martin, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application.

The applicant requests assistance in exploring a lime-granite contact deposit carrying scheelite in a gangue of epidote, garnet, quartz, and calcite. The proposed work would consist of 1 mile of access road, 1,000 feet of drifting, construction of buildings, such as cook-bunk house, sheds, etc., at a cost of $75,000.00.

Two veins are mentioned, one of which, exposed 100 feet, is 6 to 18 feet wide, the other, 4 feet wide, also exposed for 100 feet. Only one assay, 0.84% WO_3, quoted.

The information given lends little support to the application, but it may be the applicant, if questioned (by mail), could supply additional data. During the winter recess such might be requested.

Referral to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

December 9, 1955
Subject: DMEA-4091
Re: Exploration Assistance
Ura Group

Mr. A. L. Freese
1503½ N. 25th Street
Boise, Idaho

My dear Mr. A. L. Freese:

The receipt of your application dated November 28, 1955, for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4091 and referred to the Iron & Ferro-Alloys Division.

Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams, Chief
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

December 9, 1955

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region I NW

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 I NW.

DMEA 4091 - A. L. Freese

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

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December 6, 1955

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: New Application (Tungsten)
A. L. Freese
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are three copies of a poorly prepared application by Mr. A. L. Freese of Boise, Idaho. The property is in the south end of the Stanley Basin in Idaho. We will not be able to make an examination until spring.

Very truly yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I, NW Dist.

Enclosures

cc: USBM (2)
Alvord

Form MF-103
(Revised June 1951)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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APPLICATION FOR AID FOR AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO MINERAL ORDER 5, UNDER DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

Not To Be Filled in by Applicant

Docket No. DMEA-4091
Metal or Mineral Tungsten
Date Received 12-9-55
Amount $ 75,000.00
Participation (Government %)

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SPOKANE, WASH.

Name and address of applicant

A. L. Hoese 3d
1503 ½ N. 25th St
Boise Idaho

Date 28 Nov 55

If you have already filed MF-100, give date filed 28 Nov 55, type of assistance requested (1) loan,

DMA Docket Number (if available) _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Read Mineral Order 5, Regulations Governing Government Aid in Defense Projects, before completing this application. Submit four copies each, of the signed application form, General Technical Data Form MF-100, and answers to questions as specified, to Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or to the nearest field executive office thereof, with your name and address on each sheet of the application and all accompanying papers. If you have previously filed MF-100, it is not necessary to file it again. However, you should indicate in space provided above the type of assistance previously applied for (loans, procurement contracts, etc.) and DMA Docket Number, if available. *When a question is inapplicable it should be so stated in the form.* Additional sheets should be attached in answering any questions or in supplying additional information. IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER A QUESTION, SO STATE.

1. (*a*) Give a description of the real property that will be in any way involved in the exploration project, including any existing mine or operating property.

   (*b*) If you are not the owner of the property, submit a copy of the lease, purchase option, or other agreements under which you are authorized to operate the property with each copy of your application.

   (*c*) Give the legal description of the exact parcel, plot, or area upon which the exploration is to be conducted.

   NOTE: (1) If both areas are the same, so state. The only obligation to repay the Government is from the net earnings from any commercial discovery made in the area specified in (*c*) above in which the exploration is to be conducted, and the expenditure of funds which may be charged as costs of the project must be limited to that area or to work necessary to perform the exploration in that area.

   (2) If applicant is not the owner of the property or if there are any liens or encumbrances against the property, copy of agreements of claimants, lienors, encumbrances, and lessors subordinating their interests in the property to the interest of the Government under the Exploration Project Contract will be required for attachment to the Contract.

2. (*a*) What metals or minerals do you expect to find?

   (*b*) Furnish statement of the geologic features of your property, giving type of ore deposit and reasons for expecting to find commercial ore bodies. Illustrate with maps or sketches. If you have a geologic or engineering report, or assay maps showing width and grade, please send them with application, stating whether or not you wish to have them returned.

The information requested in questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 below should be answered specifically and in detail, as this information will be attached to and incorporated as part of the Exploration Project Contract, if such contract is entered into with you by the Government.

ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER AND SUBMIT A COPY OF EACH ANSWER FOR EACH COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION.

3. (*a*) Describe fully the proposed work and give the total cost of the project.

   (*b*) State the time required to start the project and to complete it.

4. Submit a map or sketch of the property involved showing a plan (and cross section, if needed) of the present mine workings and the *location of the proposed exploration work* as related to geologic features, such as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

5. Furnish an itemized list of existing facilities, buildings, installations, and fixtures with a statement of the cost of any necessary rehabilitation or repairs to put into useful and operable condition.

6. Furnish a detailed list of additional facilities, buildings, and fixtures to be purchased, installed, or erected by you, with the estimated cost of each item.

7. Furnish a detailed list of operating equipment, separated into items to be—

   (*a*) Rented

   (*b*) Purchased

   (*c*) Furnished by you

   with the rental, purchase price, or depreciation of each item, as the case may be, to be charged as a cost of the project.

8. Furnish an itemized schedule of labor, by numbers and classes (miners, muckers, etc.) and of supervisors by numbers and positions, with the maximum wages or salaries to be paid to each.

9. Furnish a detailed list with estimated cost of each item for materials, supplies, engineering, assaying, accounting, power, water, utilities, and any other items not provided for above.

10. (*a*) How much are you prepared to invest in the proposed project?

    (*b*) Is this amount sufficient to pay your part of the cost of the project, in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 9 of MO–5)?

11. State any conditions or circumstances regarding the property not sufficiently brought out by the foregoing questions.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

—	By	A. L. Freese Jr
(Name of company)		(Signature of authorized official)
28 Nov 55		~~28 Nov 55~~ owner
(Date)		(Title)

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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1) a) The URA group of claims in T 6N R 14 E Sections 8 & 16, Blaine Co. Idaho.

b) owner

c) see above, these are claims in the Sawtooth Forest- open to entry.

2) a Scheelite WO_3

b This is a contact deposit of epidote garnet and scheelite, quartz, calcite. Lime and granite (quartz monzonite of Idaho batholith. There is nearby wollastonite, quartzite of a very pure homogenous kind and also of a conglomerate kind, nearby basic volcanics basalt and obsidian, nearby argillite. Some molybdenum in the granite; and some float of the tactite, as the vein material is called locally, shows much powellite - this vein at the foot of mt. appears cover with talus. As the lime on the opposite (north side goes right down into the Salmon River valley floor and as the "granite" quartz monzonite is basement rock it seems likely the contact persists. There are minor shows of tactite with scheelite all over the mountain on two sides south and west. A very good surface exposure already exists on the principle vein URA # 8. Good exposure on Ura #2.

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3 a) Construction of at least 1 mile access road , part fairly level but ½ mile very rugged, running tunnels 1000 feet of tunnel drifting, construction of all necessary bldgs such as bunk-cook house , tool sheds, magazine, etc. Total cost - $75,000.

b) 24 months

A. L. Freese
1503½ No 25th

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A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Boise

5) None

A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Boise

6) Bldgs: bunk-cook house, magazine, tool sheds, ~~ore chute~~ - $10,000
Road, access-$10,000

7) a) none; b) supply truck $3,000. 1 Jaeger Roto Compressor 125 cfm FOB Boise $3980. 1 380 Thor drill with 48" Model 6 Leg, 7/8 " Hex x 4¼ Chuck $805.

c) none

A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Boise

8) 1000 feet of tunnel drifting at $30 a foot contract work; general overseeing by owner $30,000. Maximum salary equivalent paid to owner for supervision $200/wk.

A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Sr. Boise

9) 50 ft 3/4" CHPAC Hose - Air $27.50
50 " 1/2" " " - Water 10,75
S.H. Water Tank for drilling 70.00
2 pcs 7/8"x4-½x2' HolHexStl 10.00
2 pcs 7/8 " " "4' " " " 14.50
2 pcs 7/8" " " 8 " " " 18.20
2 MC 2" S.H.Timken H Thrd 37.50
2 MC 1-3/4 " 31.80
2 MC 1-5/8 " H Thread 32.70
55 gals Compressor oil 59.40
1000 lbs /3 Lubriplate ½-Tax 38.35
6 picks & handles 22.20
6 4lb.axs 27.60
6 shovels 23.10
3 sledges 36.00
3 bars 48.00
6 111 Carbide lamp 10.50
100 lbs carbide 10,00
200 ft. 2" black pipe 95.00
200 " 1" " " 44.00
misc Mixon hose fittings 25.00
" pipe wrenches, vises, etc150.00
1 ton gelatine/3 464.00
caps 50,00
fuse 25.00

9) cont.
assaying - $500.00
1000' timbers pld 200,00
rpr. mtns. unforseen
contingencies 10,000

A. L. Freese
1503½ No 25th
Boise

10) a $19,250
b Yes

A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Boise

11) None

A. L. Freese 1503½ No 25th Boise

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(May 1951)

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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

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Form approved.
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GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA FOR USE UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

Docket No. _____

Date received _____

A. L. Hesse 2d
1503½ No. 25th St
Boise Idaho

Name and address of applicant

Date 28 Nov '55

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be filed with Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C. It should be accompanied by appropriate application form when a specific type of Government assistance is requested, in the form of (1) loan, (2) purchase contract, (3) Government guarantee of a private loan, (4) priorities or allocation of mining equipment, and maintenance, repair and operating supplies, and (5) other forms of Government assistance that might arise under the Act. Submit four (4) signed copies of the form and accompanying papers. Name and address should be stamped or typed on each sheet of this form and all accompanying papers. *When a question is inapplicable it should be so stated on the form.* Additional sheets may be attached in answering any questions or in supplying additional information. (IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER A QUESTION, SO STATE.) If a question is answered elsewhere indicate where answered. It is not necessary to answer it again.

GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA

Supply the following information on separate sheets, arranged, numbered, and lettered as indicated:

1. Materials produced:
   (*a*) What are the chief mine, mill, or smelter products?
   (*b*) What are the byproducts, if any?
2. Name(s) and type(s) of mine(s), mill(s), smelter(s), refinery(ies), pit(s), quarry (ies), drilling operation(s). Include old names of property, if any. Show extent of workings, including the following:
   (*a*) Linear feet of shafts.
   (*b*) Linear feet of drifts and crosscuts.
   (*c*) Linear feet of tunnels or adits.
   (*d*) Linear feet of other mine openings (explain briefly).

   Indicate whether mine is flooded or not. Describe any pumping problems. Give size or productive capacity.
3. For each operation listed above supply the following:
   (*a*) Distance and direction from nearest town and shipping point.
   (*b*) Mining district.
   (*c*) Township, Section, Range.
   (*d*) County, State.
4. (*a*) State whether or not property is now in operation, and if in operation, by whom operated.
   (*b*) Are you operating this property as:
   - ☑ Owner.
   - ☐ Lessee.
   - ☐ Contractor.
5. Number of years in production none

   If not in production or operation, estimated date when production will begin —
6. Experience of operators:
   Describe the mining and general business experience of (*a*) the applicant, and (*b*) the person or persons who manage the project.
7. History:
   (*a*) Give a statement, as complete as possible, of previous exploration, development, operation, and production of property, with reasons for suspension of operation.
   (*b*) State briefly the known history and production of adjoining and neighboring properties.
   (*c*) Furnish any available (private) reports that may apply to this application, including results of mine examinations, recommended exploration and development, and metallurgical investigations.

8. Names and addresses of Officers, Directors, or Partners, and in addition thereto, the five largest stockholders if applicant is a corporation. not appl.

Name and Address (a)	Official Title (If officer is also director indicate by "D") (b)	Total of Annual Salary, Commissions, Bonuses, Etc., Received From Applicant and Affiliates During Last Fiscal Year (c)	Estimated Net Worth Outside of Interest in Applicant (d)	Number of Shares Held in Applicant Corporation: Common (e)	Number of Shares Held in Applicant Corporation: Preferred (f)	Life Insurance Carried for Benefit of Applicant: Amount (g)	Life Insurance Carried for Benefit of Applicant: Net Cash Surrender Value After Loans (h)
	Total		x x x x x			x x x x x	x x x x x

If more lines are needed continue on separate sheet.

9. Capital Stock Issues: none

For Corporate Applicants

Item	Authorized (a)	Outstanding (b)	Par Value (c)	Number of Shares Outstanding (d)	Dividend Rate Last Paid* (e)
Common stock	$	$	$		
Preferred stock	$	$	$		

*Indicate period covered.

10. Production: none

Item	Kind of Product (a)	1948 Total (b)	1949 Total (c)	1950 Total (d)	Present Average Monthly (e)
1. Quantity of product mined or quarried (Short, long, metric tons; barrels; pounds; etc.)					
2. Quantity of product processed (specify unit of measure and type of process)					
3. Quantity and grade of product sold or shipped (specify units of measure)					

11. Do you contemplate a change in the present average monthly rate of production? If so, state estimated maximum monthly production and basis of change.

12. Ore or Mineral Reserves:

(a) Describe the ore or mineral deposit briefly. Accompany the application by any available report on the geology and ore reserves.

(*b*) If deposit is other than placer:

(1) Submit assay plans and/or sections showing location and size of proved (measured) and probable (indicated) ore or mineral reserve.

(2) State the tonnage (indicate type of ton) and grade of each class of ore reserve, as above, and show how computed. Tabulated total ore reserve as follows:

TOTAL ORE OR MINERAL RESERVES

Ore or Mineral Reserve	Estimated Tons (a)	Metal or Mineral Content Per Ton (Grade) (b)	Gross Value Per Ton (c)	Recoverable Unit Value Per Ton (d)	Estimated Cost of Production Per Ton (e)
Measured (proved)					
Indicated (probable)					

(*c*) If placer:

(1) Give estimated total yardage and average marketable mineral content of each deposit.

(2) Submit map showing location of placer deposit and surrounding area, with all test holes or pits. Submit logs of each hole and test pit with depth and average value of each.

(3) Describe gravel, stating whether fine, medium or coarse; loose, tight, cemented, or frozen, and whether it contains stumps or boulders more than 1 foot in diameter; if so, how large, and in what proportion.

(4) Describe bedrock, giving type (granite, sandstone, shale, etc.) and state whether it is hard or soft, smooth, uneven or rough.

(5) Describe overburden, stating whether loose, tight, or cemented; fine or coarse textured; furnish estimate of average thickness and total amount.

(6) Tabulate the reserves using the form outlined above for ore or mineral reserves.

13. Access Roads:

Give road distances to shipping, supply and residence points, stating kind and condition of roads.

14. Water Supply:

State source and quantity of water available for operations and whether sufficient for all seasons of year.

15. Power:

State amount of power used, rate per hour, and source thereof.

16. Labor:

State number and classes (miners, muckers, millmen, etc.) of men employed during a recent representative payroll period.

17. Equipment and Facilities:

Describe present equipment on the property, including buildings. (State condition.) List major pieces of equipment now owned or controlled and in serviceable condition available for this operation.

18. Are there any particular conditions or circumstances affecting your operations that are not described above? If so, explain.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

—	By A. L. Helse 2d
(Name of company)	(Signature of authorized official)
28 Nov 55	owner
(Date)	(Title)

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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Gen. Techn. Data

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1) Materials Produced
   (a) Scheelite WO_3) ore
   (b) possible garnet
2) Name: Ura mine - unexplored prospect
   (a,b,c,d,) surface work on 2 veins, one exposed over 100 feet with 6 to 18 feet width, the 2d exposed over 100 with about 4 ft. average width. No flooding, noe will exist on 1st 8 levels if ~~tunnels~~ graded right.
3) (a) 40 miles south on dirt road (4 miles) and U.S. 93 to Ketchum
   (b) Galena
   (c) T 6N R 14E Sec 17 ; also some high grade of unknown size Sec8
   (d) Blaine County, Idaho
4) (a) Snowed in; prospect only
   (b) Owner
5) Unknown
6) Applicant a professional prospector with theoretical and field experience in geology; dept. store buyer, floorwalker, warehousing, clerical experience. N.B. May be joined by an operating mining company (Triumph and Sunshine)
7) (a) Not applicable
   (b) Vienna mine (1880 lead, silver) Silver King old- lead, silver zinc) both still being prospected after intermittent production. Nearby stibnite prospect, also several raw lead silver prospects with no production. One other tungsten prospect at Horton Lookout on the lookout grounds, plus scheelite traces in the local ores. Gold & silver prospect scratchings immediate vicinity of veins.
   (c) identified as scheelite Albany Bureau of Mines, assayed .84% Colorado Assaying Co., interest expressed in the samples shown to Triumph Mine, Mr Robinson, mgr., and Sunshine exploration division, Spokane.
8) A.L. Freese,2d owner
9) not applicable
10) " "
11) " "
12) aThe veins strike so.westerly at 85 degrees or more. They are contact veins, locally referred to as tactite - epidote, garnet, and schecliet, calcite, and quartz. Country rock is granite and lime with very pure quartzite and some conglomerativ quartzite on the mountain. Basic intrusivs on the other canyon wall and many rhyolitic and basalt flows also cutting the mt. Obsidian found on a nearby range. Argillite in another nearby canyon wall. Some opalite veins near deposit. Some molybdenum in the granite. Float of the tactite kind in one place shows yellow fluorescence as if a powellite veins is buried by talus. Strike is approximately in accord with the steep mountainside indicating possibility of fairly short tunnels to explore. 8 levels possible without shaft. + much wollastonite
   b)1Assay plans to cross channel 2 feet apart wherever exposed. Present exposure over 100 feet each vein.
   2 Tonnage unknown.
13) 4 miles to US Hiway 93, 36 to Ketchum railhead & supply. Latter is all year hiway and will have completed paving summer 1956 except for 1 short stretch. At junction of ~~4 mile~~ dirt road up Smiley Creek with hiway 93, there is a sawmill and lodge selling provisions gas etc. Hotel at Alturas Lake 3 miles further. A mine road of at least 1 mile is needed.
14) Water sufficient in Sawmill Canyon creek at claimsite, also Smiley Creek, and S almon River nearby. Spring near outcrop.
15) No pwoer yet.
16) Not applicable.
17) None
18) Yes. Chinese tungsten may be permanently lost to the free world, but fed. govt. attitude toward WO_3 problematical. This will not make a mine if forced to compete against coolie wage scales.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned owner executing this certification certifies that the info in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete to best of his knowledge and belief.

28 Nov 1955

A.L. Freese 2d
A.L. Freese 2d
1503½ No. 25th St
Boise Idaho

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A. Langdon Freese
1503 1/2 North 25th Street
Boise, Idaho

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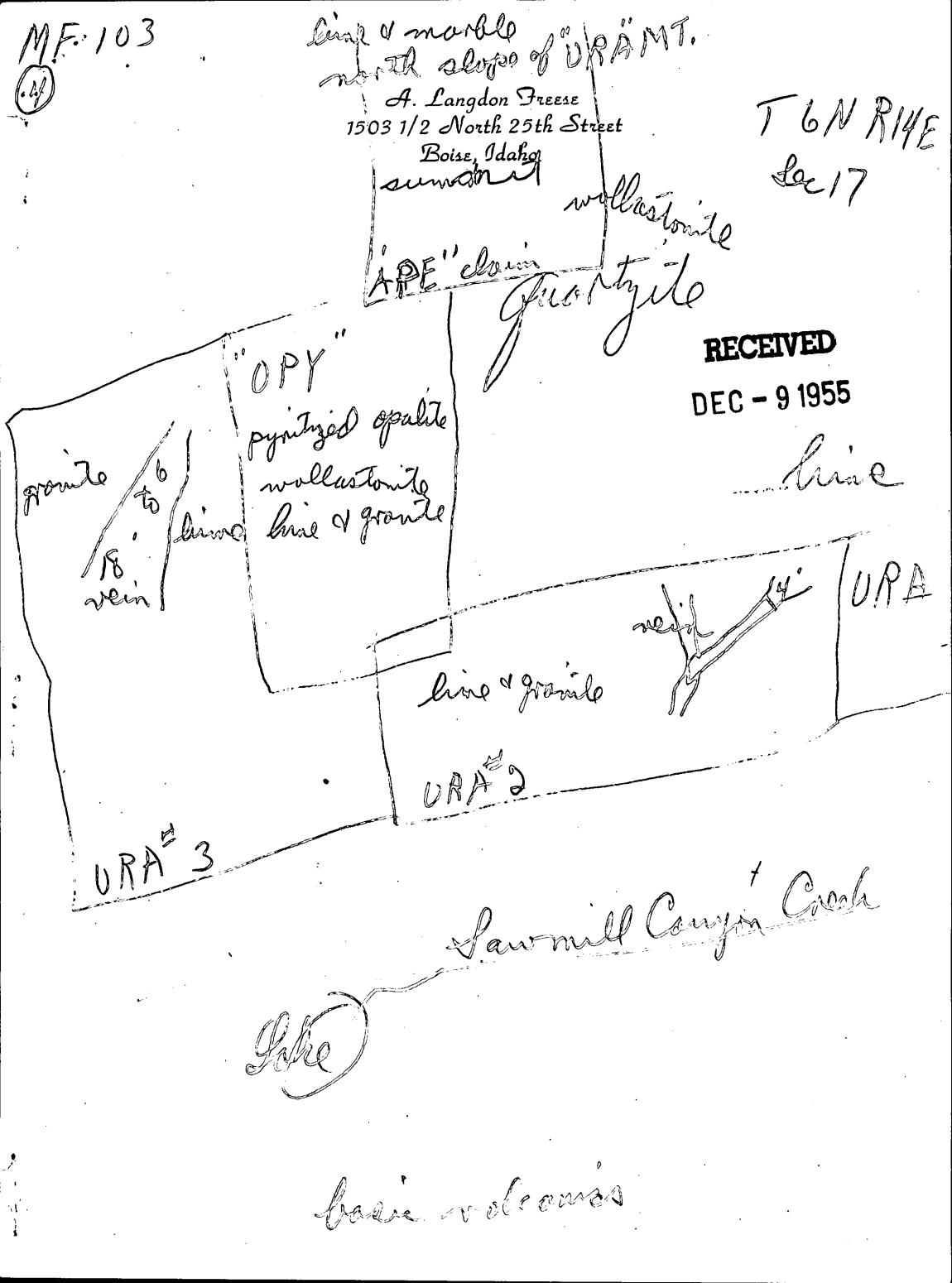

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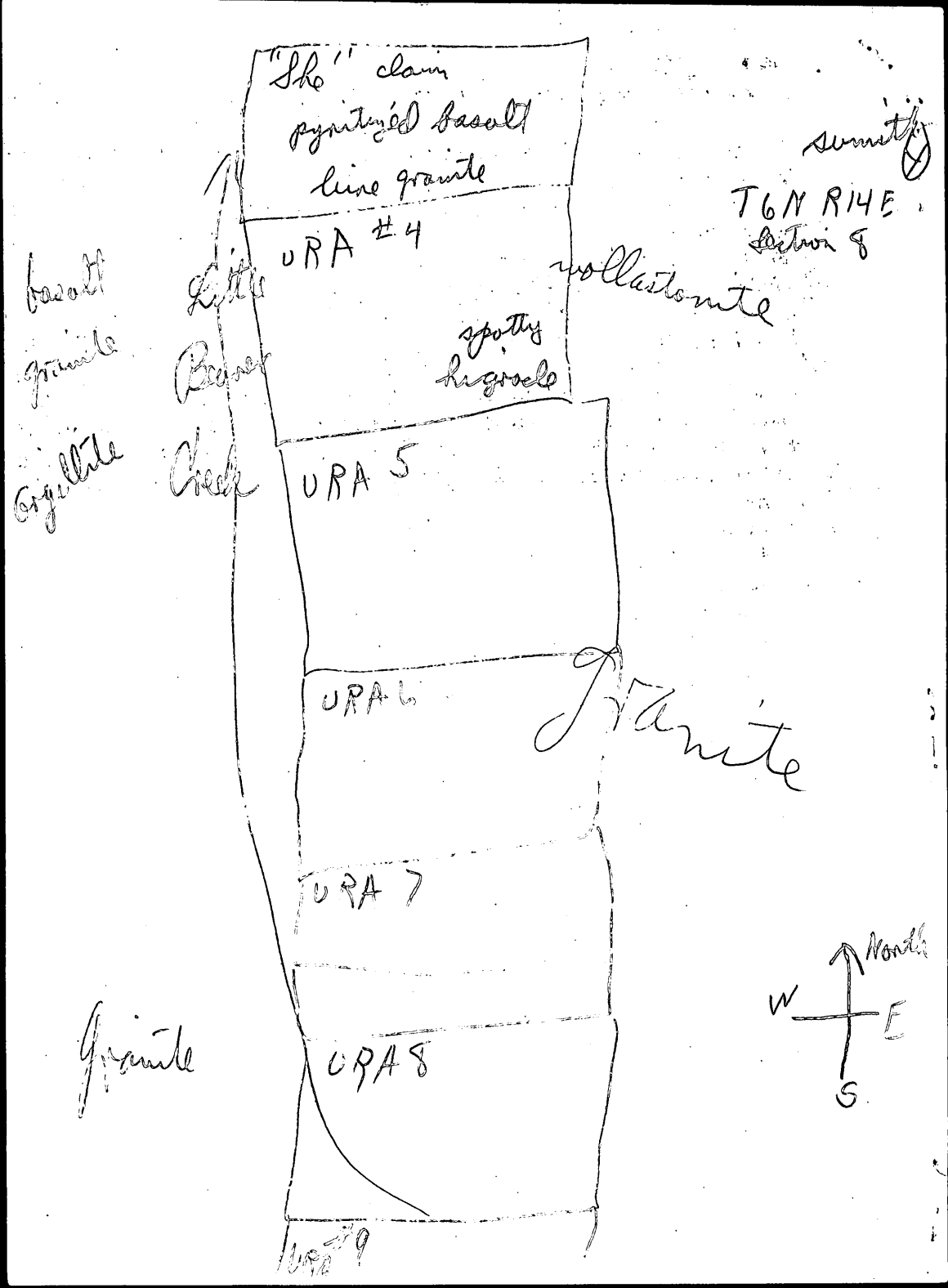
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

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DATE 11-9

REFERRED TO:

1. 100
2. Mr Seefridge
3. 400
4. Mr P

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..... Initials	..... Signature
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REMARKS: Needs urgently and lists to Washington

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

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Initials of sender.

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#691 July 13, 1956

5 Nov 56

Re: Docket# DMEA 4091
Tungsten, Ura Group

RECEIVED NOV 9 1956 DMEA

U.S. Dept of Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Adminsitration
Washington, 25, D.C.
C.O. Mittendorf, Administrator

WSA

Mr. Mittendorf, thank you for your letter of October 8th. It came as a surprise since Mr. Alvord, U.S.G.S. during his field trip said he would recommend it if any of it went 1%. He also promised to send me maps and assays, but he never did. He told me not to write or I wouldn't get them, but I haven't got them even so. Is there any possibility for me to get them ? I understand that other applicants have received this courtesy, and this data would be useful to me in carrying on without government help.

Oddly, Mr. Alvord DID send them immediately to J.E. Gilbert, Palo Alto Calif. manager of Cordero Mining Co. without my knowledge or consent. Gilbert wrote his field agent Marion Schendell to hurry up to look at my claims. Schendell was frank to say that Alvord did this because he was a "good friend" of Gilbert and wanted to give them a chance at it. Alvord knew I had two other companies considering it. It is only from Schendell who read me assays furnished by Alvord that I learned that the 4 channels taken on the main showing ran 1.16%,.40Ø, .35, & .40 . There was another listed at about .17 tho where it was from I couldn't learn. Alvord also gave information WITH my permission to Sunshine Mng. CO (Mr. Rowland King) but none to me.

The ethical concerns arising from Donald Alvord's doing is for your disposition, but my question remains - why can't I - the applicant - get the maps and assays in order to see what is being denied ?

Again, I have another question. How do you people know that the "probability of disclosing tungsten ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation" ? Let me tell you about the field team's work. Arriving without having breakfasted, they fiddled away the best part of the day on the no#2 claim while I was insisting that it was of lesser importance. While they found a great deal of time to measure the distance and angle from a corner stake to the discovery post, they didn't even look at two parallel zones on Ura#2 within a few hundred feet; Alvord saying they couldn't see everything.

When we got to #3, I continued to assist Alvord with mapping while the Triumph engineer who was along helped Edward Parsons, U.S. Bureau of Mines take assays. I could not persuade this field team to walk 250 feet DOWNHILL to look at another show, which is continuously exposed for 500 feet and is up to 6 feet wide with scheelite mineralization. There are 3 zones on Ura#2 and 4 zones on Ura#3. They looked at 1 zone on Ura#2 and 2 zones that were so close they appeared to run together on Ura#3. Thus, I ask: how do you know ? The persistence of tactite, scheelite, and formation thru the mountain and to much lower elevations was not checked at all. If the application has been denied because of a large excess in tungsten supplies, I would like to know of this. * As to Mr. Alvord's loud, red sympathies, I had already written to an investigatory agent of another department before receiving your letter.

* Nonsense; Alvord is a veteran. He was in the Army from 2-23-43 to 4-1-46 WSA 12/3/56

A. L. Hesse
1503½ No 25th St
Boise Idaho

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DOCKET SURNAME
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OCT - 1 1956

Mr. A. L. Freese, 2d
1503½ North 25th Street
Boise, Idaho

Re: Docket No. DMEA 4091 - Tungsten
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

Dear Mr. Freese:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other data available to us in Washington concerning the above referenced property have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of our information, although noting tungsten mineralization on the Ura group of claims, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing minable tungsten ore reserves is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. Under these circumstances, we regret to advise you that your application is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Exploration program and for bringing this property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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October 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Administrator, DMEA

From: Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division, DMEA

Subject: Denial of request for exploration assistance in the amount of $75,000.00.
Docket No. DMEA-4091 - Tungsten
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Re: DMEA 4091
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Tungsten

Memorandum

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From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of Field Team report.

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Estimated cost of project

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Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4091 (Tungsten)
A. L. Freese
Ura Group
Blaine County, Idaho

WSM

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are four copies of a memorandum examination report on the referenced property, by E. W. Parsons of the Bureau of Mines and D. C. Alvord of the Geological Survey.

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By Field Team, Region I, NW District

A. E. Weissenborn
A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey

Stephen W. Zolebek
For Wing G. Agnew, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Enclosures

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Alvord

Reviewed by
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- Supervisor's Headquarters
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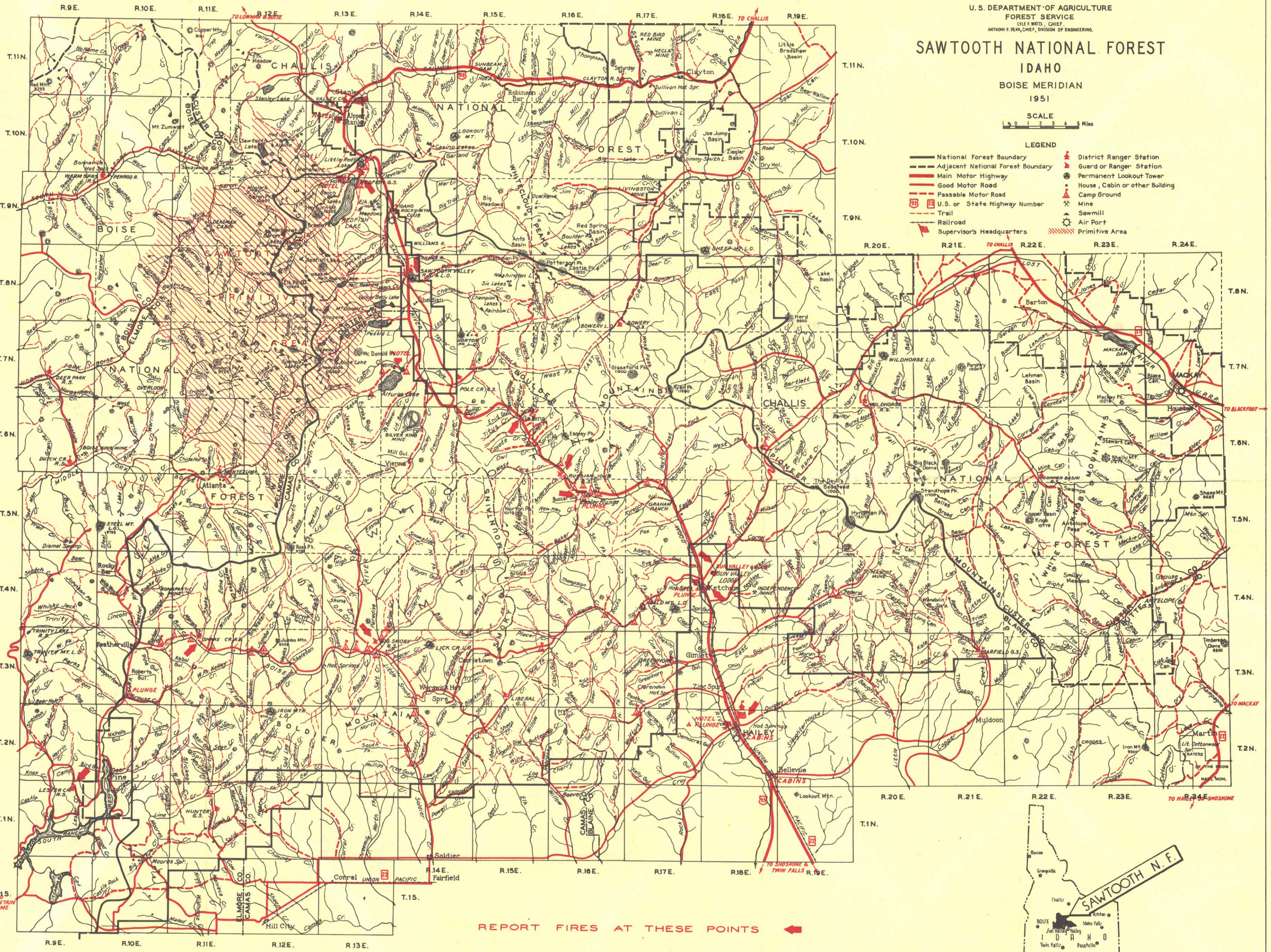

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SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

Northward from the Snake River plains of south central Idaho lies the Sawtooth National Forest. Here in this one and one-quarter million acre public estate are the watersheds for streams that feed the thirsty valleys below; summer ranges for thousands of sheep and cattle; timber for homes and industrial uses; game and fish for the sportsman; restful recreation areas for campers and picnickers; and supreme winter sports areas for skiers and winter recreationists.

The Sawtooth is part of your national heritage. Its towering peaks, sparkling waters, and verdant slopes are yours to enjoy, and yours to help protect.

The office of the Forest Supervisor is at Hailey, Idaho. The forest has five ranger districts, with forest rangers stationed at:

Hailey - Yearlong
Ketchum - Yearlong
Fairfield- Yearlong

Sawtooth Valley Ranger Station - Summer only
Shake Creek Ranger Station - Summer only

For information or assistance, contact one of these men. They will be glad to help you.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

The Sawtooth National Forest was established to protect the resources of the area from destruction and depletion, and to insure that its resources would bring to the people of the area the greatest good for the longest period of time. Proper use, coupled with protection from fire and other destroying agents, gives us assurance the Sawtooth will continue indefinitely to supply the water, the timber, and the forage upon which our economy depends. It will always contribute to the recreational needs of the people, both local and from other parts of the Nation.

The Sawtooth National Forest was created May 29, 1905, by proclamation of President Theodore Roosevelt. It was then called the Sawtooth Forest Reserve, and covered an area of 1,945,520 acres. Since then the boundaries have been changed several times, with the last important change being made in 1913. It now contains a little less than one and one-quarter million acres.

The name was taken from the Sawtooth Mountains, so called by early travelers and settlers because of the jagged peaks along the range, which, when observed along the sky line, resemble a huge saw blade lying on its back.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Ripe timber and thinnings from overcrowded stands are marketed with benefit to the forest and the surrounding communities. Wise selection of the trees to be cut prevents harm to the watershed and provides room for new trees and accelerated growth for older ones. The annual cut should not exceed the annual growth. In this way, a "sustained yield" is attained which will insure timber supplies for future generations as well as for today's needs.

Douglas fir is the most important timber tree on the Sawtooth from the standpoint of volume available. Next in order are ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, and spruce. It is estimated that the total timber volume on the Sawtooth National Forest is 800 million board feet, with about 640 million board feet of commercial sawtimber. The harvesting of this timber plays an important role in the economy of the local people. Fourteen local sawmills manufacture timber from the Sawtooth National Forest. In addition, large amounts of both green and dead timber are supplied for use on farms and ranches in the surrounding countryside, and for mining in the Wood River area.

When timber for manufacture and resale is desired in relatively large quantities, it is sold by the Government to the highest bidder, thus assuring the public the greatest return for its timber crop. Receipts from the sale of timber and from all other sources is paid into the United States Treasury, but twenty-five percent of the net is returned to the counties in which the forest is located to be used for schools and roads.

RECREATION

The Sawtooth National Forest is nationally recognized as a scenic and recreational area of unusual appeal. Roads lead to several beautiful lakes, through wooded canyons and along clear streams, and over scenic summits. The panoramic view of almost endless mountains from the top of Bald Mountain or Dollarhyde Summit is awe-inspiring, the sight of the Sawtooth peaks from Galena Summit, entrancing.

Camping facilities are located close to nearly all of the roads. Horses and pack outfits are available near the principal points of interest, and there are hotel accommodations at Hailey, Ketchum, Alturas Lake, the Rocky Mountain Club, Redfish Lake, Stanley, and Fairfield. The normal vacation season is from June to October.

As a visitor, we urge you to stop at regular campgrounds. Camping facilities are available and restrictions are as limited as possible. Please be careful with fire, leave a clean camp; prevent damage to green trees and plants, and to signs and to improvements placed there for your convenience. You can prevent unnecessary expenditure of public funds by observing these courtesies and suggestions. Your stay and the vacation of others will be more enjoyable because you have done your part. We invite you to stop at the Ranger Stations or the supervisor's office for information or assistance.

You will render a valuable service by telephoning promptly the location of any uncontrolled fires discovered.

The Big Wood River area is one of the most popular for camping, picnicking, and fishing. The river is accessible through its entire length via U. S. Highway 93. The main campgrounds are concentrated in the area between the North Fork of Wood River and the Russian John Ranger Station. An open-air, natural hot-water plunge at Easley Springs makes this area very popular.

THE SAWTOOTH PRIMITIVE AREA

The Sawtooth Primitive Area, an undeveloped empire of over 200,000 acres, is located partly on the Sawtooth and partly on the Boise National Forest. It includes the high summit and lakes region and extends from Stanley Lake south nearly to Alturas Lake Creek.

Established to preserve the unique natural values and beauties of the area and to keep them free for all time from human alteration, the Sawtooth Wilderness provides visitors with pleasure, education, inspiration and outdoor relaxation in a setting as it existed before white man set foot on American shores. It has no roads, just sufficient trail for administration and protection and no human habitations. Horse and foot are the only means of travel permitted.

Some of the better known and most used camping locations are Toxaway Lake, Lake Imogene, Hell Roaring Lake, Redfish Lake, Sawtooth Lake and Deadman Cabin. There are numerous other camping areas along Queens River and at the mouth of Mattingly Creek where shade, pure water, fuel and forage are in abundance.

Trips into this area are taken annually by the Trail Riders of the Wilderness under the direction of the American Forestry Association. Privately sponsored trips may also be arranged with local packers and guides.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

Fire is one of the forest's worst enemies. It can destroy the growth of centuries in a few minutes.

More than half the fires on the Sawtooth National Forest are caused by human carelessness — mostly by unextinguished campfires and cigarettes discarded while still burning.

The war on fire demands first of all the wholehearted cooperation of every visitor of the forest to prevent fires.

Once they start, there must be quick detection and prompt attack. The construction of lookout stations, telephone lines, roads, trails, airplane landing fields, and radio communication facilities aid the ranger in his fight. The development of new and better fire-fighting equipment, and devising improved methods of fire fighting are never-ending tasks.

You can help in the war against fire. Do these things:

1. Be sure your match is out before you throw it away. Break it in two.
2. Be sure cigarette stubs and pipe ashes are out cold before discarding them. Never throw them from a moving vehicle or into grass, brush or leaves.
3. When you make camp, if a fireplace or stove is not available, scrape all inflammable material from a spot five feet in diameter and dig a hole in the center of it. Build your campfire in the hole. Never build it against trees or logs or near brush.
4. When you leave your campfire, be sure it is out - DEAD OUT. Stir the coals while soaking them with water. Wet the ground around the fire. If you cannot get water, mix the fire with good mineral soil (not duff) until it is out.

ITS RESOURCES

WATER CONSERVATION

Raindrops and swirling snowflakes falling on the mountains of the Sawtooth National Forest restore the life-giving streams which water the fertile valleys below. Without a steady flow of irrigation water, the production of crops on these lands would be severely limited. Magic Reservoir, Arrowrock Dam, Anderson Dam, and other smaller reservoirs are partially or fully dependent upon the forest watersheds. It is of vital importance, therefore, that the watershed cover, whether timber, brush, or grass, be maintained in satisfactory condition. This fact guides the forest ranger in managing his timber stands and ranges, and in forest and range fire prevention and suppression.

FORAGE FOR LIVESTOCK

One of the major activities of the Sawtooth National Forest rangers is management of extensive sheep and cattle ranges. The primary objective is twofold — (1) to retain the watershed cover and soil in good condition, and (2) to provide the maximum amount of forage for livestock.

The relatively steep mountain slopes of the Sawtooth National Forest are more suitable to sheep grazing and permits for sheep greatly exceed those for cattle. In rough country cattle tend to hang in the bottom lands and thus overuse them. It is possible to obtain a higher utilization of the forage by sheep because a herder who is with them at all times can herd them over the slopes and keep them constantly on fresh range. Approximately 125,000 sheep and 5,000 cattle graze on the forest each year under a regulated allotment system. During June and July, when the bulk of the lambs are being finished, the weeds, grass, and shrubs of the Sawtooth are being turned into prime lamb at the rate of nearly 75,000 pounds per day - a vital contribution to the local economy.

WINTER SPORTS

The Big Wood River area is a mecca for the winter sports enthsiasts from all over the Nation. The development of Sun Valley has emphasized the advantages of the undulating and often treeless slopes and the ideal snow conditions on the Sawtooth National Forest and related areas. Excellent snow cover for winter sports is available from about December 1 to April 1, with spring skiing possible at higher elevations until about May 15.

Sun Valley village is located outside the national forest boundary, but some of its best downhill, cross-country, and slalom courses are located within the Forest. About two and three-fourths miles of ski lifts located on Bald Mountain and operated by Sun Valley make all these runs readily accessible. Many miles of ski trails meander through the mountainous winter wonderland of the Sawtooth National Forest.

WILDLIFE AND FISH

The Sawtooth mountains are the home of a variety of big game - - elk, deer, goat, bear, cougar, and mountain sheep. Many smaller animals also inhabit the forest.

Two state game preserves have been established in the forest - - the Warm Springs Creek Preserve, west of Ketchum, and the Soldier Mt. Preserve, north of Fairfield.

Fishing streams and lakes abound in the Sawtooth mountains. Plantings have been made in many of the high lakes, and several of these now provide good fishing in magnificent surroundings.

The rangers give careful consideration in their management plans to the protection use, and development of the wildlife resources of their districts. They also cooperate with the State Conservation Officers in the enforcement of fish and game laws.

Warm Springs Creek, one of the principal branches of the Big Wood, has excellent camping facilities, while Deer Creek, East Fork, Trail Creek, North Fork Baker Creek, and Prairie Creek afford interesting side trips and good camps.

The Pioneer Mountains provide abundant opportunity for mountain climbing. Towering Mt. Hyndman, the highest peak in this range, reaches an elevation of 12,078 feet.

The Salmon River area provides good fishing and camping amid magnificent scenery. Camps at Alturas, Big Redfish, and Little Redfish Lakes are very popular. Hotel accommodations are available both at Alturas and Big Redfish.

The South Boise River region is rich in recreation attractions. The picturesque Yellow Pine, clear fishing streams, and the occasional glimpse of rugged peaks make a pleasing scenic pattern. A natural hot-water plunge at Price's Ranch is a popular feature. Above Featherville, along the river for some twenty miles is a series of inviting campgrounds, the largest and most beautiful being located at Baumgartner Park, where a natural hot springs and bathing pool add to the campers' comfort and enjoyment. Further up, along Big Smoky and Little Smoky Creeks, are additional good camping spots.

You may leave this area by way of Fairfield or by driving over the Warm Springs Creek Summit to Ketchum, a delightful and scenic drive.

MINERALS

Many famous old mining camps — Galena, Sawtooth City, Carrietown, Spanishtown, Happy Camps, Junction Bar, Emerald Bar, and Deer Creek — are located in the national forest area. The present mining centers, such as Triumph, Garfield, Vienna, Washington Basin, and Bear Creek attest the rich mineral resources. Silver-lead ores predominate, though several gold mines exist and placer mining has been common, particularly on the South Boise River.

YOUR NATIONAL FOREST

The Sawtooth is your National Forest. It is an important national possession. The job of the Forest Service is to insure its resources against loss, to provide for wise use to the safe limit of its capacity, and, if possible, to increase its production of water, timber, forage, minerals, fish, game, and recreation enjoyment.

The guiding principle of the Forest Service is to manage the national forests under the principle of multiple-use for the greatest good to the greatest number in the long run.

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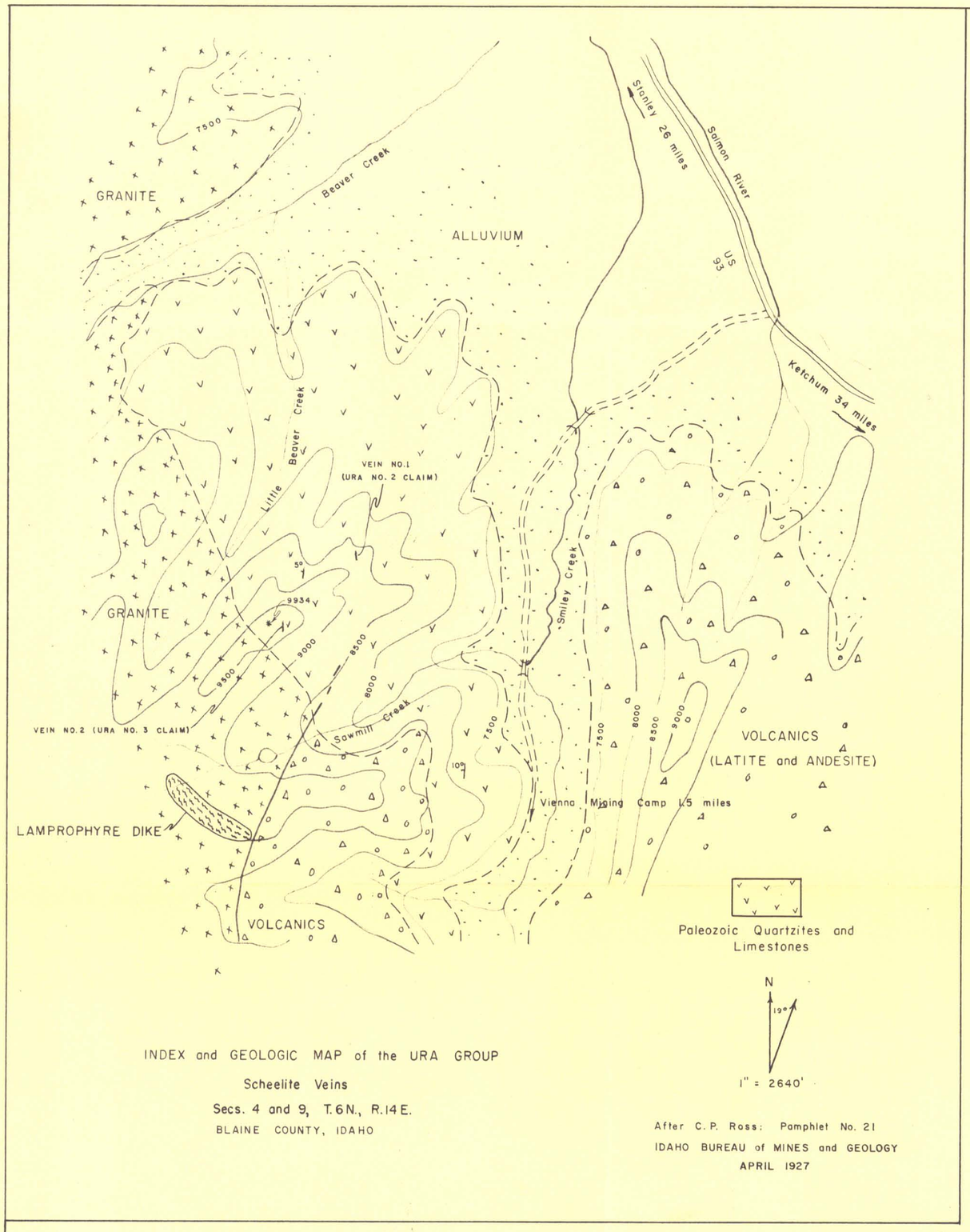

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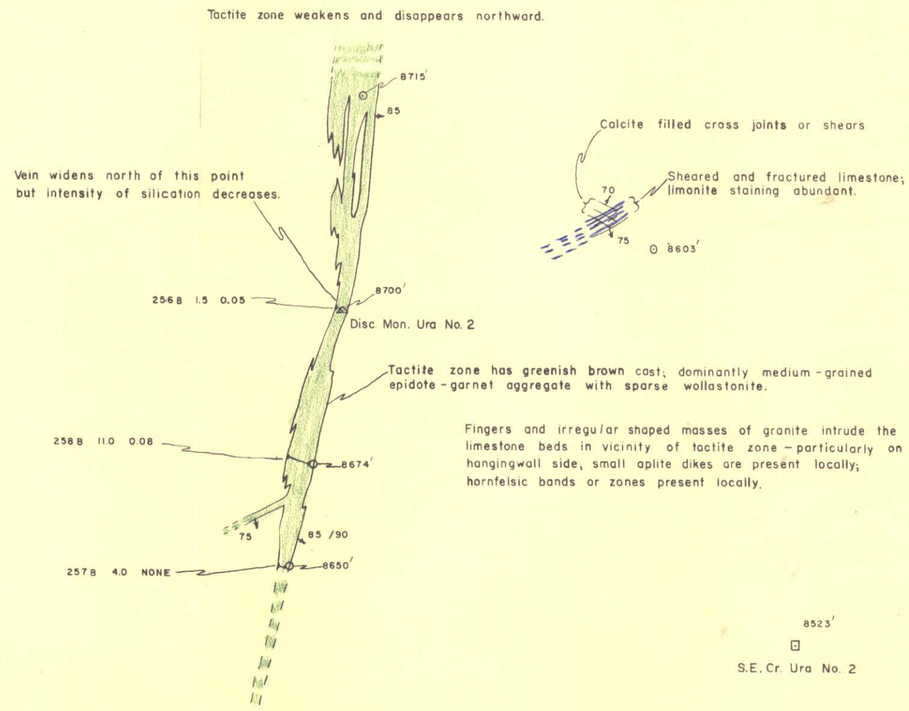

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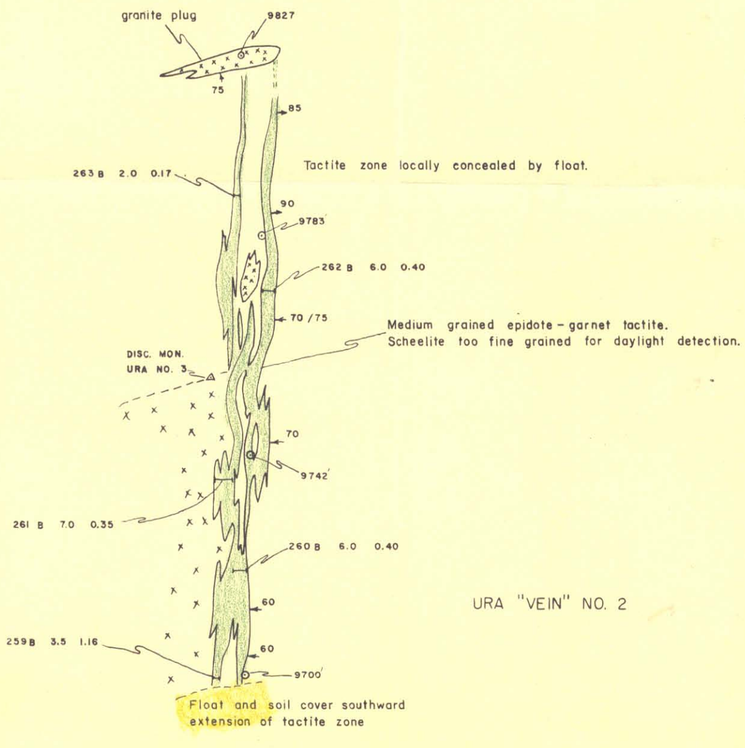

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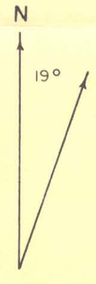

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