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INTRODUCTION

This list of occurrences of uranium in Washington is extracted with only minor changes from the uranium section of Washington Division of Mines and Geology Bulletin 37, Inventory of Washington Minerals, Part II, Metallic Minerals, pages 350 to 357. It is printed separately and distributed without charge for the convenience of those readers who are interested in uranium but would not be sufficiently interested in the minerals of the other metallic elements to wish to purchase the larger bulletin.

The bibliography on page 10 is extracted from the list used in Bulletin 37, Part II. Each reference, here, is assigned a number in bold face type, but these numbers in the bibliography of the present report are not consecutive because only those references pertaining to uranium have been taken from the complete list used in Bulletin 37.

ABBREVIATIONS

Inc.—Incorporated
Lk., lk.—Lake, lake
Loc—location
max.—maximum
mi.—mile, miles
min.—minimum
Mt.—Mount
Mtn., MtnsMoun
Mountains
N.—north
NE.—northeast
no.—number
NW.—northwest
O—oxygen
Ore min—ore mine
p.—page

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Lk., lk.—Lake, lake	Prod-production
Loc—location	Prop—property
nax.—maximum	R.—River, Range
ni.—mile, miles	Ref—references
nin.—minimum	S.—south
Mt.—Mount	SE.—southeast
Mtn., Mtns.—Mountain,	sec.—section
Mountains	sq.—square
N.—north	SW.—southwest
NE.—northeast	U—uranium
no.—number	vol.—volume
NW.—northwest	W.—west
O—oxygen	Wash.—Washington
Ore min—ore mineral(s)	yr.—year, years
o.—page	

%—percent

URANIUM

Properties—Uranium is a metal that is hard but ductile and malleable. It is very heavy (2½ times as heavy as steel) and is capable of taking a high polish. The polished metal, however, rather quickly oxidizes to a black surface. In powder form uranium is black and pyrophoric, catching on fire spontaneously upon exposure to air. In its chemical behavior it is most closely related to chromium. The chemical symbol for uranium is "U." Its atomic number is 92, and its atomic weight is 238.07. The specific gravity of the element is 19.05 (1,166 pounds per cubic foot). Its melting point is 1133° C., and its boiling point is 2071° C. Uranium is radioactive, and the isotope U_{235} (present in natural uranium to the extent of about 0.7 percent), is fissionable—properties of utmost importance. Uranium radiates alpha rays, and in its atomic disintegration produces a series of elements including helium, radium, actinium, and lead, which emit alpha, beta, and gamma rays. Pound for pound, fissionable uranium has more than two and a half million times the heat-producing energy of coal.

Uses—By far the most important use of uranium is as a source of nuclear energy, which is utilized in the atomic bombs, and which is being developed for use in power plants for various military and industrial applications. Nonenergy uses of uranium in recent years have been largely in the chemical industries, including use as catalysts and in analytical reagents. Next in importance has been its use in ceramics—in glass for a coloring agent and to regulate the coefficient of thermal expansion of the glass. It has been used in motion picture film manufacture, in electrical equipment, and luminous paint, and it has been alloyed with steel for special uses.

Production—During the years 1945 through 1950 the United States consumption of uranium for nonenergy purposes varied between 1½ and 2½ tons per year. The amount used in the atomic energy program has not been announced. Prior to World War II most of our uranium was imported, but domestic sources now produce large quantities. Data on production and imports and exports are not disclosed. Every producer of uranium ore must be licensed by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and the ore must be sold either directly to the Commission or to a buyer licensed by it.

Prices—Uranium salts prices have not changed greatly in the past few years. Sodium uranate sold at \$1.25 per pound in 1936, \$1.75 in 1939, and \$1.65 from 1942 to 1948. Uranium metal prices have risen considerably, however, being quoted at \$7.00 per pound in 1943, \$20.00 in 1946, and \$50.00 per pound for high-purity metal in 1950. The Atomic Energy Commission's domestic uranium program provides for: (1) A guaranteed minimum price, effective through March 31, 1962, of \$3.50 per pound f.o.b. shipping point, for uranium oxide (U_3O_8) contained in domestic ores or mechanical concentrates assaying at least 10 percent U_3O_8 . This price does not apply to the carnotite-type and roscoelite-type ores of the Colorado Plateau. (2) Guaranteed minimum prices, effective through March

31, 1962, for the carnotite-type and roscoelite-type ores of the Colorado Plateau area, varying from \$1.50 per pound of U_3O_8 in ores containing 0.10 percent U_3O_8 to \$3.50 per pound of U_3O_8 in ores containing 0.20 percent or more U_3O_8 . (3) A bonus of \$10,000, effective until April 11, 1958, for the discovery of a new deposit and the production therefrom of the first 20 short tons of uranium ore or mechanical concentrate assaying 20 percent or more U_3O_8 . (4) The Commission will pay an additional graduated bonus of up to \$35,000, depending upon the quantity and grade of ore, for initial production and delivery of acceptable uranium ore from new and certain existing mining properties. For new properties this bonus payment will be made on each pound of uranium oxide up to and including the first 10,000 pounds.

In May 1956 the Atomic Energy Commission announced a new domestic procurement program which will cover the period from April 1, 1962, through December 31, 1966. This program provides a guaranteed market for uranium concentrates produced by domestic mills from domestic ores. The base price established under this program will be \$8.00 per pound of $\rm U_3O_8$ contained in concentrates meeting specifications.

Ore minerals—More than 100 uranium-bearing minerals are known. In some of these uranium is the principal constituent, but in others it is only a minor part of the mineral. The more important primary minerals are the oxides, pitchblende (50 to 80 percent U_3O_8) and uraninite (65 to 90 percent U_3O_8). Some of the more common secondary uranium minerals are the potassium uranium vanadate, carnotite (50 to 55 percent U_3O_8); the calcium uranium phosphate, autunite (60 percent U₃O₈); the copper uranium phosphate, torbernite (60 percent U₃O₈); the calcium uranium vanadate, tyuyamunite, (48 to 55 percent U_3O_8); and the calcium uranium silicate, uranophane (65 percent U₂O₈). In general, uranium occurs combined as oxides, phosphates, sulfates, arsenates, carbonates, vanadates, silicates, and hydrocarbons. Uranium minerals that have been found in Washington include uraninite, pitchblende, brannerite, autunite, torbernite, uranophane, monazite, and allanite. The latter two minerals are primarily thorium bearing but sometimes contain uranium. Other uranium minerals reported in Washington are zeunerite, fergusonite, samarskite, euxenite, and cyrtolite.

Geology—Uranium ore deposits occur in a great variety of rocks of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary origin. Primary deposits in hydrothermal veins appear to favor felsic intrusive rocks and arenaceous metasediments as host rocks. Within the veins, associated minerals contain, in decreasing order of abundance, iron, copper, cobalt, lead, silver, nickel, and bismuth. Of these, perhaps cobalt, nickel, and bismuth are most indicative. Pegmatites commonly contain uranium minerals but almost never in commercial quantities. The potassium-rich pegmatites, or zones in them, have been indicated as most favorable for the occurrence of uranium minerals. The secondary uranium-mineral occurrences, as low-grade disseminations in the sedimentary rocks—sandstone, shale,

and limestone, are currently producing large tonnages of ore in the United States. A very large part of the domestic production comes from sedimentary-type deposits of this kind, largely from the Colorado Plateau in the "four corners" region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Although fairly large areas in Washington are underlain by Mesozoic and Tertiary continental sedimentary rocks, and some of these areas are being prospected, no sedimentary-type deposits in which carnotite commonly occurs have yet been found here. All the verified occurrences of uranium in Washington are either in granitic rock or in metamorphic rocks intruded by granite. Uraninite and secondary uranium minerals have been found in pegmatite dikes in this state but not in commercial quantities. The more promising uranium deposits in Washington have been found (1) in and near the contact of granite and rock the granite intrudes, (2) in shear zones cutting these rock types, and (3) as secondary minerals impregnating the fractured, decomposed, and disintegrated granitic and metamorphic rocks adjacent to contacts and shear zones. In other words, primary uranium mineralization may be expected to occur under much the same conditions as does copper, gold, silver, lead, zinc, molybdenum, and other ore mineralization.

Recent developments—Uranium prospecting and exploration in Washington expanded very rapidly during the first few months of 1955, especially in Stevens and

Spokane Counties. This activity was the direct result of the discovery of substantial quantities of uranium ore at the Midnite Mines property on the Spokane Indian Reservation in southern Stevens County. Many large and small mining companies and thousands of individuals staked claims on open Federal land or obtained mineral leases on State and private lands north of the Reservation throughout Stevens County. Similar exploration activity in the vicinity of Mount Spokane was triggered by the announcement of the discovery of good-grade autunite mineralization on the Dahl farm near Elk in northern Spokane County. Exploration has been active in the whole northern row of counties westward from the Idaho boundary to the western flanks of the Cascade Mountains and in the Cascades about as far south as Mount Rainier. Locations showing radioactivity are known or have been reported in at least 10 counties in this general region. and this area includes all the authenticated uranium occurrences in Washington; however, because of the tremendous interest in uranium prospecting, there probably is no county in the state in which some prospecting has not been done. To date (February 1957) uranium ore has been shipped in quantities of more than 1 carload each from five properties in Washington, all in Stevens and Spokane Counties. These are the Midnite mine, originally operated by Midnite Mines, Inc. and later by Dawn Mining Co.; the Dahl, Lowley, and Huffman properties operated by Daybreak Uranium, Inc.; and the Lehmbecker property operated by North Star Uranium, Inc.

OCCURRENCES

Because serious prospecting for uranium in Washington started only very recently and new discoveries of radioactivity are being reported each week, it is impossible to include all the uranium occurrences in the following list. Any such list would be incomplete a short time after compilation.

CHELAN COUNTY

Holden (Howe Sound) (1)

Loc: Secs. 18 and 19, (31-17E), and secs. 12 and 13, (31-16E), on Railroad Cr. Ore: Copper, gold, zinc, silver. Deposit: Zone of sulfide disseminations 20 to 75 ft. wide has exposed length of 2,500 ft. and depth of 2,500 ft. in metamorphic rocks. Slight amount of radioactive mineralization in footwall zone in W. end of mine at 1,950- and 2,325-ft. levels. Ref: 175. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Howe Sound

(see Holden)

Keefer Brothers (2)

Loc: On W. slope of Red Mtn., near headwaters of Chiwawa R., about 1 mi. S. of Lyman Glacier. Ore: Molybdenum, copper, gold, silver, tungsten, uranium. Deposit: Narrow fissure veins with some hydrothermal alteration of the granodiorite wall rock. A channel sample taken at the most radioactive spot known on the veins assayed 0.1% U₂O₈. Ref: 156. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Peshastin

Loc: 12 mi. from Peshastin. Owner: R. F. Brown (1897). Ore: Uranium, but the occurrence has not been authenticated. Ore min: "Probably a silicate." Deposit: 5-ft. ledge. Ref: 105, 10/16/97, p. 359.

Safety Harbor Creek (4)

Loc: Safety Harbor Cr. area. Access: Trail. Prop. 6 claims. Owner: Western States Uranium, Inc. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ref: 158.

Winesap Canyon (3)

Loc: SW¼NW¼ sec. 5, (26-21E), near head of Winesap Canyon (Oklahoma Gulch). Access: 5 mi. by road to railroad. Prop: 1 unpatented claim. Owner: George Goman, Winesap, Wash. (1942). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Uraninite. Deposit: Pegmatite made up of feldspar, quartz, and muscovite, with very minor amount of uraninite. Dev: Open cut 4 ft. by 6 ft. Ref: 67, p. 53. 158.

FERRY COUNTY

Box Canyon (5)

Loc: Sec. 28, (37-37E), Nancy Cr. area. Owner: V. L. Stevens, Colville, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in pegmatitic gneiss. Ref: 158.

Hurrell (8)

Loc: Sec. 21, (36-37E), on SE. flank of Bisbee Mtn., W. of Kettle Falls. Owner: John Hurrell, Inchelium, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Radioactivity in pegmatite. Ref: 158.

Lucky Leslie (1)

Loc: Near center W½NW¼ sec. 23, (38-34E), on N. side of Mt. Leona. Elev: 5,950 ft. Access: 1½ mi. by trail to N. Fk. St. Peters Cr. road, by which it is 7½ mi. to railroad at Malo. Prop: Lucky Leslie No. 2 and several other unpatented claims. Owner: Wm. Alexander and Chas. Bilderback, Sweet Home, Oreg. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Uraninite and uranophane in irregular pegmatite lens 25 ft. long and up to 5 ft. thick along a shear zone that is parallel to schistosity in biotite schist and quartzite. Dev: Shallow open cut. Assays: Radiometric tests on samples from open cut show 0.35% to 1.40% U_sO_s equivalent. Ref: 158.

Lucky 21 (2)

Loc: Near center NW4/NE4/4 sec. 15, (38-34E), E. of Malo, on St. Peters Cr. Elev: 3,750 ft. Access: 7 mi. by road to railroad at Malo. Prop: 10 unpatented claims, including Lucky 21. Owner: Bert Edwards, Doug Elmes, Malo, Wash., and William B. Kleinhans, Republic, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Uraninite and uranophane in narrow pegmatitic lenses in quartzite and schist. Dev: Open cuts. Assays: 0.325% U₈O₈ reported. Note: Since the original 8 claims were staked, 30 or more claims were staked nearby in a few days by various people. Ref: 158.

Nancy Creek (6)

Loc: SW 1/4 SW 1/4 sec. 29, (37-37E), near Nancy Cr. Access: 21/2 mi. by road to railroad. Prop: 8 claims and 120 acres deeded land. Owner: Patrick Sullivan and Darrell Newland, Colville, Wash., hold lease and have subleased to Day Mines, Inc., Wallace, Idaho (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Uraninite and uranophane in pegmatitic lenses in gneiss. Assays: 0.31% to 1.45% U₃O₈ reported. Note: Since the original discovery in this area dozens of claims were staked within a short time. Ref: 158.

Oregonian (3)

Loc: W½NW¼SW¾ sec. 14 and E½NE¼SE¼ sec. 15, (38-34E), S. of St. Peters Cr. Access: ½ mi. by trail to N. Fk. St. Peters Cr. road, by which it is 7½ mi. to railroad at Malo. Prop: Oregonian and several other unpatented claims. Owner: Art Cooper, Sweet Home, Oreg., and Ben Butler, Republic, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Sparse uranophane in 50-ft. by 50-ft. outcrop of pegmatitic granite in biotite schist. Ref: 158.

Section 36 (7)

Loc: Sec. 36, (37-36E), near head of Nancy Cr. Access: About 8 mi. by road to railroad. Owner: Leases on 320 acres of State land held by R. C. Mulligan, R. J. Pulley, M. F. Fowler, and T. Jones, Okanogan, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Pegmatitic granite in gneiss contains uranophane, autunite, and a little heavy black uranium mineral that probably is uraninite; also hyalite, garnet, and apatite. Assays: Samples reported to run as high as 0.51% U₀O₈. Ref: 158.

Sherman Creek Pass (4)

Loc: Vicinity of Sherman Cr. Pass, Columbia Mtn., and Sherman Pk., 17 mi. E. of Republic. Elev: 4,000 to 7,000 ft. Access: About 16 mi. by road to railroad at Republic. Prop: 29 or more claims. Owner: Sherman Creek Uranium Mines, Inc., Burl Fowler, A. J. Lane, R. R. Embody, Republic, Wash. (1954—). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Monazite, autunite. Deposit: Weak radioactivity is sporadically distributed over large area near contact of granite with gneiss and schist, and local areas show considerable radioactivity. At least part of the radioactivity is concentrated in biotite-rich pegmatitic segregations, and here the radioactivity is due to the presence of monazite. Small amount of autunite has been reported along joints in talus blocks. Dev: Open cuts, diamond drill holes.

Assays: "Surface samples indicated up to 0.14% U₃O₈." Note: Since the original discovery hundreds of claims have been staked in this area. Ref: 158.

Sunset Mines (9)

Loc: About 4 mi. W. of Kettle Falls. Prop: 7 claims. Owner: Sunset Mines, Inc. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Finely divided uranium mineral (uraninite?) in biotite gneiss. Assays: Some samples ran as high as 0.4% U₃O₈. Ref: 158.

GRANT COUNTY

Grand Coulee (1)

Loc: 5 mi. S. of Electric City on road to Coulee City. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Polycrase in pegmatite. Ref: 158.

Peterson

Loc: Grand Coulee Dam area, possibly in Grant County. Owner: Ben I. Peterson, Moses Lake, Wash. (1954——). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Uraninite, brannerite. Allanite, euxenite, and cyrtolite reported. Deposit: Radioactive minerals in pegmatitic granite. Assays: 0.06% U₈O₈ by radiometric analysis. Ref: 158.

KING COUNTY

Rainy (Western States Copper) (1)

Loc: Sec. 16, (24-10E), Taylor R. dist. Ore: Copper, gold, silver. Ore min: Chalcopyrite, pyrite, pyrrhotite, molybdenite. An insignificant amount of brannerite has been reported. Ref: 157. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Snoqualmie

Loc: Near Snoqualmie Pass, in eastern King County. Ore: Thorium, cerium, uranium (?). Deposit: A little allanite occurs as an accessory mineral in the Snoqualmie granodiorite. Ref: 146, p. 9.

Western States Copper

(see Rainy)

KITTITAS COUNTY

Big Dome (1)

Loc: Sec. 17, (23-15E) and sec. 13, (23-14E), on Fortune Cr. Ore: Copper, tungsten, reportedly uranium. Deposit: Irregular zones of chalcopyrite and pyrite disseminated in granodiorite. Only trace amounts of radioactivity. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

LEWIS COUNTY

Eagle Peak (1)

Loc: Near NW. cor. sec. 27, (15-8E), on W. slope of Eagle Peak, Mt. Rainier area. Ore: Copper, gold, silver. Slight radio-activity reported near portal of upper drift. Ref: 157. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Egypt

(see Pitney Butte)

Germania Consolidated

Loc: 17 mi. N. of Davenport. Prop: 1,600 acres leased by Germania Consolidated Mines, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: "Uranium indications" found. Dev: Drill holes. Ref: 158.

Pitney Butte (Egypt, Spokane Molybdenum) (1)

Loc: NE1/4SE1/4 sec. 32, (28-37E), on NE. side of Pitney Butte. Ore: Molybdenum, gold, silver. Deposit: Molybdenite is scattered through a 3- to 4-ft. quartz vein in granite. A cross-fracture contains a black radioactive lens 4 in. or more thick. Ref: 82-A. 133-B, p. 32. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Spokane Molybdenum

(see Pitney Butte)

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Aeneas (3)

Loc: NW¼ sec. 15, (36-29E), on S. side of Aeneas Valley. Access: 19 mi. by road to railroad at Tonasket. Prop: Deeded land. Owner: Ted Eberle, Tonasket, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Slight radioactivity along pegmatitic bands in gneiss. Assays: One sample showed 0.18% U₂O₈. Ref: 158.

American Strategic Minerals (5)

Loc: Sec. 9, (40-26E), on N. slope of Elemeham Mtn., S. of Similkameen R. Prop: Unpatented claims. Owner: American Strategic Minerals Corp., Tonasket, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Radioactive black magnetic mineral in metamorphic rock. Ref: 158.

Bi-Metallic (2)

Loc: NW 4 sec. 26, (39-29E), near Havillah. Ore: Molybdenum, copper, silver, gold, tungsten. Deposit: Molybdenite in zone 1 to 5 ft. wide and 50 ft. long in fractures and intersecting faults in Moly adit. Also ore in 2 other fault zones in Moly adit. Slight radioactivity (up to 4 times background count) in ore zones. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Happy Hill (4)

Loc: 4 mi. NW. of Okanogan, on Happy Hill. Probably in SE¼ sec. 14, (34-25E). Prop: 15 claims and some leased land. Owner: Sherman Creek Uranium Mines, Inc., Republic, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium, thorium, cerium. Ore min: Monazite. Dev: Bulldozer trenches. Assays: As high as 5% monazite, with 2½% to 3% rare earths content and 0.06% to 0.08% U₈O₈. Ref: 158.

Lost Lake (1)

Loc: Near Lost Lake, along the international boundary at Molson. Owner: Barney Quinn (1925). Ore: Uranium, gold, and silver reported. Assays: Reported to show \$84 per ton in uranium, \$6 in silver, and \$4 in gold. Ref: 106, 5/16/25, p. 25.

Sanpoil (6)

Loc: Sec. 25, (35-31E), on upper part of Sanpoil R. Prop: Unpatented claims. Owner: Albert Allen (1956). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Pegmatite containing scattered tiny grains of samarskite and radioactive violet-colored fluorite. Assays: Specimens reported to show max. of 0.3% U₈O₈. Ref: 158.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Bella May (Metaline Mining and Leasing Co.) (3)

Loc: NE¼NE¼ sec. 32, (39-43E), Metaline dist. Ore: Zinc, lead. Deposit: Replacement bodies containing sphalerite and galena in Metaline limestone. Unrelated uranium mineralization, of no apparent value, occurs as thin white to yellow coatings along fault surfaces. Ref: 156. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Dry Canyon (6)

Loc: In Dry Canyon, which is 2 to 3 mi. E. of Pend Oreille R. **Deposit:** A 4-ft. dike contains allanite as platy crystals as much as ½ in. long. **Ref:** 128, p. 58.

Golden Anchor (7A)

Loc: 9 mi. W. of Úsk. Prop: 6 unpatented claims. Owner: Golden Anchor Mining and Milling Co., Spokane, Wash., leasing from George L. and Lloyd Howard, Spokane, Wash. (1955—). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in pegmatite. Dev: Shallow pits. Ref: 158.

Grandview mine (2)

Loc: Secs. 14, 15, 22, and 30, (39-43E), Metaline dist. Ore: Zinc, lead. Deposit: Irregular replacements and disseminations of zinc-lead ore in dolomite. The uranium mineralization is noncommercial and appears to be unrelated to the zinc-lead ore. It occurs in black carbonaceous seams about 1 in. thick, in thin fault gouge zones, and as yellow secondary minerals depositing from descending ground waters. Ref: 156. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Highnoon Uranium (8)

(see also Rocky Ridge and West)

Loc: Lost Creek area. **Prop:** 10 claims and leases on 1,500 acres of land. **Owner:** Highnoon Uranium Mines, Inc., % J. R. Jones, Newport, Wash. (1955——). **Ore:** Uranium. **Deposit:** Small deposit of high-grade ore. **Ref:** 158.

Josephine (Pend Oreille Mines & Metals Co.) (1)

Loc: $S\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 16, (39-43E), on W. side of Pend Oreille R., Metaline dist. **Deposit:** Similar to that at Grandview mine. **Ref: 156.** Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Kimball Mines (9)

Loc: 7 mi. W. of Newport, 2 mi. W. of Diamond Lk., on Bert Smith farm. Prop: Mineral rights lease on 282 acres of deeded land. Owner: Kimball Mines, Inc., Spokane, Wash., leasing from Bert Smith, Newport, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Higher-than-normal radioactivity in old prospect hole in decomposed granite. Ref: 158.

Metaline Mining and Leasing Co. (4)

(see Bella May)

Pend Oreille Mines & Metals Co.

(see Josephine)

Ponsness (10)

Loc: Secs. 18 and 19 (?), (35-46E), near Idaho boundary, N. of Newport. Owner: Lloyd Ponsness, Newport, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in weathered granite. Ref: 158.

Rocky Ridge (6A)

Loc: On Ruby Cr., W. of Blue Slide. Prop: Unpatented claims. Owner: Highnoon Uranium Mines, Inc., Newport, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Commercial-grade ore reported. Ref: 158.

Ruby (7)

Loc: Sec. 6, (34-44E), near Ruby. Owner: Lewis E. De-Chenne, Cusick, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Uraninite, autunite. Deposit: Pegmatite containing smoky quartz, albite, muscovite mica, a little apatite, and a few tiny garnet crystals; also has a few scattered grains of uraninite altered in part to autunite. Ref: 158.

Sacheen Lake (5)

Loc: Probably sec. 30 (or possibly sec. 29 or 32), (31-44E), on top of hill just E. of Sacheen Lk. Owner: Forrest Corwin, E. 1624 Liberty Ave., Spokane, Wash. (1939). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: A sample of pegmatitic granite composed of quartz, orthoclase, and a very little magnetite showed slight radioactivity in one very restricted area of the specimen. Ref: 158.

South Skookum Lake

Loc: About ½ mi. E. of South Skookum Lk., probably in sec. 6, (33-45E). Prop: 21 claims. Owner: Silver Dollar Mining Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in shear zone in granite. Dev: Bulldozer cuts. Assays: Channel sample across 3-ft. width showed 0.74% U₈O₈. Ref: 158.

Stagger Inn (11)

Loc: Near Stagger Inn Ranger Station. Prop. 6 unpatented claims. Owner: Northwest Prospecting and Development Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Radioactivity along granite-argillite contact. Ref: 158.

Starlight Uranium (8A)

Loc: Sec. 10, (32-42E), near Calispell Cr. Prop: 8 unpatented claims. Owner: Starlight Uranium Co., Frank Gibson, Deer Park, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite disseminated in rotten granite across a width of 30 ft. Ref: 158.

West (5A)

Loc: Near Diamond Lk. Owner: Highnoon Uranium Mines, Inc., Newport, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Commercial-grade ore reported. Ref: 158.

PIERCE COUNTY

Rushing River (1)

Loc: On Rushing R. (or Rushingwater Cr. ?) on W. flank of Mt. Rainier. Prop: 38 unpatented claims. Owner: Al Nigro, Frank Stankevich, and J. L. Pennington, Tacoma, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Pitchblende. Assays: Samples reported to run as high as 19.8% U₈O₈. Ref: 158.

SKAMANIA COUNTY

Rainbow (1)

Loc: Center S½S½ sec. 32, (3-5E), on ridge separating W. Fk. of Washougal R. from Wild Boy Cr. Deposit: Although uranium has been reported here associated with vanadium, lead, copper, gold, and silver, the report probably is in error. Ref: 104, vol. 14, no. 4, p. 40. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Broken Ridge (5A)

Loc: S½ sec. 18, (28-11E), Silver Creek dist. Ore: Copper, silver, gold, zinc. Deposit: Silicified and mineralized shear zones in metamorphic rocks. Moderate radioactivity in one place on Dewey claim. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Keller (5)

Loc: Near Mineral City, probably in sec. 6, (28-11E). Access: 1 mi. by trail and about 15 mi. by road from railroad at Index. **Prop:** 8 unpatented claims. **Owner:** M. E. Keller, McKenna, Wash., and Harold Mykol, Olympia, Wash. (1955). **Ore:** Uranium. **Deposit:** Uraninite in quartz veinlets. Also some sandstone that is radioactive. **Assays:** Specimens run as high as 10% U₂O₈. **Ref:** 158.

Kromona (4)

Loc: Near center sec. 13, (28-9E), in Sultan Basin. Ore: Copper, gold, silver, tungsten. Deposit: Sulfides in shear zone across the contact of quartz diorite and older metamorphic rocks. Ore in places is slightly radioactive. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Mackinaw (1)

Loc: SE¼SW¼ sec. 19, (29-11E), on W. Fk. Weden Cr. Ore: Copper, nickel, cobalt, gold, silver. Deposit: Sulfides and secondary minerals in shear zone at contact of serpentine and sedimentary rocks. Small areas of slight radioactivity in the shear zone. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Molly (2

Loc: Sec. 30, (28-11E), near Galena Lookout Station. Approx. 9 mi. E. of Index on N. Fk. of Skykomish R. Owner: Wm. C. Duncan, Seattle, Wash. (1951). Ore: Uranium, molybdenum. Ore min: Molybdenite, uraninite, chalcopyrite. Ref: 157.

Sultan (3)

Loc: 5 mi. W. of the town of Sultan. Owner: A. A. Kennedy. Ore: Uranium. Ref: 1, 10/16, p. 110. 14, p. 50.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Affiliated Mines (20)

Loc: On W. slope of Mt. Kit Carson. Prop. 620 acres of leased land. Owner: Affiliated Mines, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Autunite. Dev: Diamond drill holes, bulldozer trenches. Ref: 158.

Anaconda Uranium (21)

Loc: Lee lease: S½SE¼ sec. 23, (28-44E). Stanley lease: NW¼ sec. 6, (27-45E). Elev: 2,450 to 3,056 ft. Access: Roads. Prop: 240 acres of leased land. Owner: Anaconda Uranium Corp., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite and gummite reported in granite. Ref: 158.

Carbon (16)

Loc: Sec. 7, (28-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Owner: Carbon Mining & Uranium Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ref: 158.

Columbia Enterprises (7)

Loc: S½SE¼ sec. 1, (28-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Access: 8 mi. by road to railroad at Elk. Prop: Several unpatented claims. Owner: Mt. Spokane Minerals & Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., leasing to Columbia Enterprises Inc., Longview, Wash. (1955). Ownership of mineral rights on this property is currently (1955) in controversy. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Coarse crystals of autunite along joints and irregular seams in altered pegmatitic granite. Radioactivity and float traceable for several hundred ft. Dev: Open pits. Assays: Picked sample ran 6.8% U_sO_s. Ref: 158.

Curtin (18)

Loc: W½NW¼ sec. 24, (28-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Owner: Oliver and Lillian Curtin leasing to Dawn Uranium & Oil Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in granite. Dev: 4 out of 20 wagon-drill holes indicated commercial ore at depths of from 15 to 50 ft. Ref: 158.

Dahl (Daybreak) (1)

Loc: E½NE¼ sec. 11, (28-44E), about 18 mi. NE. of Spokane, in Mt. Spokane area. Elev: 2,800 ft. Access: 8 mi. by road to railroad at Elk and about 30 mi. to railroad at Spokane. Prop: 80 acres of deeded land. Owner: Alfred L. Dahl, Elk, Wash., leasing to Daybreak Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——).

Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Meta-autunite occurs as veinlets and fillings of closely spaced joints in decomposed granite. 5 ore bodies in an area 250 ft. by 900 ft., being worked by open pit. Dev: 7 diamond drill holes (July 1955) show ore to depth of at least 100 ft. 46,300 tons proven ore reserves reported. Assays: Channel samples across 35-ft. width showed 0.35% to 0.80% U₈O₈. First 10 carloads shipped av. 0.55% U₂O₈. Prod: Production began Aug. 1955. Total of 5,196 tons through Sept. 1956 av. 0.3346% U₂O₈. Also 7 carloads from nearby Huffman lease in Sept. 1956. Ref: 158.

Dahl Uranium Mine, Inc. (5)

(see also under Stevens County)

Loc: SE¼ sec. 1, (28-44E) and N½SW¼ and SW¼SW¼ sec. 6, (28-45E), 1¼ mi. NE. of original discovery on Dahl (Daybreak) uranium property, in western foothills of Mt. Spokane. Access: Road. Prop: Mineral rights on 141 acres of deeded land. Owner: Dahl Uranium Mine, Inc. leasing from Leonard A. and Betty C. Dahl, Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: High-grade autunite ore reported exposed in 2 places more than 100 ft. apart. One drill hole showed ore mineralization from 22 ft. to 35 ft. deep, and a second hole about 340 ft. S. of the first showed ore at 35-ft. depth. A vein 21 in. wide, exposed for 17 ft., carries up to 2% U₈O₈. Prod: One carload shipped in 1956. Ref: 158.

Dawn Uranium & Oil (8)

(see also Curtin, Smith)

Loc: E½W½ sec. 8, (28-44E) and secs. 26 and 27, (29-44E), near Elk, about 2 mi. N. of Dahl property, Mt. Spokane area. Access: Road. Prop: More than 160 acres of leased land. Owner: Dawn Uranium & Oil Co., Spokane, Wash., leasing from R. E. Wisemore, Spokane, Wash., and H. B. Sams, Elk, Wash., and others (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Showings of autunite reported in shallow test pits in decomposed granite. At a depth of more than 300 ft. a diamond drill hole intersected 5 ft. of steeply dipping mineralized zone containing autunite. Autunite in 2 other widely spaced holes. Dev: Diamond drill holes in S½SE¼ sec. 27, (29-44E). Ref: 158.

Daybreak

(see Dahl and see Bair, Lowley under Stevens County)

Elk Uranium (2)

Loc: 1 mi. E. of Dahl property, and other places in Spokane and Stevens Counties. Prop: Mineral rights on several thousand acres of deeded land. Owner: Elk Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Radioactivity reported. Dev: Bulldozer trenches and diamond drill holes. Ref: 158.

Fish Lake (14)

Loc: E½SE¼ sec. 32 and W½SW¼ sec. 33, (24-42E), just N. of Fish Lk. Access: Paved highway crosses deposit, and railroad is within a few hundred ft. Prop: Deeded land. Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Secondary minerals. Deposit: Small irregular masses and veinlets of pegmatite near contact of granite with older metamorphic rocks. Although slight radioactivity may be detected in many places over an area of several thousand sq. ft., no concentrations of ore grade are known. Ref: 158.

Graham (15)

Loc: Sec. 11, (29-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Prop. 160-acre lease. Owner: Sidney Mining Co. and Mascot Mines, Kellogg, Idaho (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite found in 3 shallow pits. Ref: 158.

Huffman

(see Dahl)

Kit Carson Uranium (3)

Loc: Center SE¼ sec. 13, (28-44E) and sec. 18, (28-45E), S. of Dahl property. Elev: 3,350 ft. Access: Road. Prop: Leases on 600 acres of deeded land. Owner: Kit Carson Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., leasing from R. B. Pulliam, Colbert, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Coarse autunite crystals are abundant in a 6-in. low-dipping shear zone in rotten pegmatitic granite. Ore zone 400 ft. long and 50 ft. wide reported. Two other ore bodies indicated. Ore mineralization found at depths of a few ft. to 156 ft. in about half of 52 holes drilled to depths of 50 to 156 ft. Ore from 42 to 90 ft. in one hole. Dev: Four 50-ft. bulldozer trenches. Ref: 158.

Miner (6)

Loc: NE½ sec. 30, (29-45E), 3 mi. NE. of Dahl property, in Mt. Spokane area. Access: About 8 mi. by road to railroad at Elk. Prop: 350 acres of deeded land. Owner: Dr. W. C. Miner, Opportunity, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Radioactive ore reported to be in a zone 2 to 3 ft. wide exposed in road cut. Dev: Bulldozer cuts. Ref: 158.

Morning Sun Uranium (4)

Loc: Adjacent to the Danl property on the E., in W½NW¼ and W½NE¾ and N½SE¾ sec. 1, (28-44E) and NW¼ sec. 7, (28-45E), Mt. Spokane area. Access: 8 mi. by road to railroad at Elk. Prop: 240 acres of State land in sec. 12, 160 acres ½ mi. to the E., and 80 acres ¼ mi. to the NE. Owner: Daybreak Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., has lease from A. L. Dahl, who is leasing from State (1955—). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Meta-autunite. Gangue: Granite. Deposit: Ore mineralization reported to be similar to that at Dahl deposit. Dev: Bulldozer trenches. Ref: 158.

North Star Uranium

Loc: Sec. 1, (28-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Prop: Lehmbecker lease. Owner: Leased by North Star Uranium, Inc. (1956——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in granite exposed for 75-ft. length. Assays: 2 carloads shipped av. 0.225% U₃O₈. Prod: 2 carloads shipped in Dec. 1956 and Jan. 1957. Ref: 158.

Painted Desert (12)

(see also under Stevens County)

Loc: 2 mi. S. of Dahl property. Prop: Mineral leases on about 1,000 acres. Owner: Leased by Painted Desert Uranium and Oil Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: High-grade autunite in float reported. Some uranium in one hole at depth of 20 to 40 ft. Dev: Diamond drill holes. Ref: 158.

Schaefer (13)

Loc: Secs. 19, 30, and 31, (29-44E) and secs. 24, 25, and 36, (29-43E), near Milan. Access: Railroad crosses property. Prop: Mineral lease on several hundred acres of deeded land. Owner: Daybreak Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., leasing from Everett and Irene Schaefer (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Good autunite crystals found at a depth of 7 ft. Ref: 158.

Section 32 (9)

Loc: Sec. 32, (28-45E), near top of Mt. Spokane. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in granite. Ref: 158.

Section 21 (10)

Loc: Sec. 21, (28-45E), near top of Mt. Spokane. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in granite. Ref: 158.

Smith (17)

Loc: E½SW¼ sec. 13, (28-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Owner: Emma L. and Clarence I. Smith leasing to Target Uranium Co.,

which has made a 50-50 profit-sharing agreement with Dawn Uranium & Oil Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). **Ore:** Uranium. **Deposit:** Commercial ore found in 6 out of 10 wagon-drill holes. 6,650 tons of ore reported to a depth of 60 ft. **Prod:** At least 1 truckload in 1956. **Ref:** 158.

Stapleton (12A)

Loc: E½ sec. 1, (29-44E), Mt. Spokane area. Elev: 2,800 to 3,100 ft. Prop: 320 acres of leased land. Owner: National Uranium Corp., Wallace, Idaho, has 10-yr. lease (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in shear zone in pegmatitic granite. Dev: Adit, 6 open cuts. Ref: 158.

Thompson (19)

Loc: Sec. 18, (28-45E), on W. slope of Mt. Kit Carson. Prop: 200-acre lease. Owner: Leased by Tungsten Uranium Mines, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Have profit-sharing agreement with Rayrock Uranium Co. Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Radioactive spring. Ref: 158.

Tungsten Uranium Mines (11)

(see also Germania under Stevens County)

Loc: Sec. 18, (28-45E), 1 mi. W. of Mt. Spokane State Park and 4 mi. S. of Dahl property. Prop: Mineral leases on 323 acres of deeded land. Owner: Leased by Tungsten Uranium Mines, Inc., Spokane, Wash., from Arthur Selleck (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite reported in granite. Dev: Bulldozer trenches. Ref: 158.

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A A (1)

Loc: Sec. 26, (40-36E), Orient dist. Prop. 1 unpatented claim: A A No. 2. Owner: Berger Benson, Spokane, Wash. (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite in pegmatitic gneiss. Ref: 158.

Arden (4)

Loc: SE48W4NW4 sec. 14, (34-39E), about 1 mi. SE. of Arden. Elev: 1,875 ft. Owner: L. E. Haye, Lakeview, Wash. (1955—). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite sparsely distributed along a NE.-trending fractured zone for a length of 5 ft. in Loon Lake granite. Zone of fracturing and clay-mineral alteration is about 2 ft. wide. Considerable fluorescent hyalite in the vicinity. Ref: 158.

Bair (14)

Loc: E½ sec. 14, (27-37E), near Spokane R., on Spokane Indian Reservation. Owner: Daybreak Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., has assignment of prospecting lease held by Mr. Bair from Spokane Indian Tribe (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Autunite, uraninite. Assays: Sample from veinlets across a 30-ft. bulldozer cut showed 0.48% U₈O₈ by chemical analysis. Ref: 158.

Big Smoke Uranium (18)

Loc: Sec. 11, (27-37E), near Spokane R. Prop: The company holds prospecting permits on more than 10,000 acres of Spokane Indian Reservation land. Owner: Big Smoke Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Uraninite, gummite. Deposit: 2 veins in 30-ft. fault zone in arkose near contact with granite. Uraninite and gummite in coal in seam 8 ft. wide at depth of 14 ft. A second vein is 12 in. wide and is 30 ft. N. of the first. Dev: Bulldozer pit 12 ft. deep. Assays: Chemical assay of soil from 3-ft. depth showed 0.28% U₃O₈. A 2-ft. vein showed 0.50% U₃O₈ equivalent, but chemical assay showed 1.30% U₃O₈. Prod: One carload shipped in 1956. Ref: 158.

Boyd (11)

Loc: Adjoining Midnite mine on E. Prop: 458 acres of Spokane Indian Reservation land allotted to Ed Boyd and other

members of the Boyd family. Owner: Leased by Dawn Mining Co., Portland, Oreg. (1956). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Similar to adjacent Midnite deposit. Assays: 50 ft. of ore in drill hole av. 0.30% U_sO_s. Ref: 158.

Calispell Peak

(see Cannon)

Cannon (Calispell Peak, Railway Dike) (5)

Loc: Near W. ¼ cor. sec. 33, (34-42E), on headwaters of Chewelah Cr. Elev: 3,750 to 4,340 ft. Access: About ½ mi. by trail from the end of the road up Chewelah Cr. Prop: 1 claim. Owner: Merikay Mines, Laurence Hammond, New York, N. Y., leasing from Northern Pacific Ry. (1952). Earl and Perry Cannon, Chewelah, Wash. (1950). Ore: Uranium, columbium, tantalum, beryllium. Ore min: Columbite, uraninite, autunite, torbernite, beryl, a few specimens of bismutite. Gangue: Quartz, feldspar, muscovite. Deposit: Pegmatite dike in roof pendant of schist near intrusive granite. Pegmatite zone is 50 ft. wide and has a length of 1,050 ft. Only a few crystals of uraninite and columbite found. Dev: 2 open cuts, 8 trenches, 353-ft. adit. Assays: Uranium and columbium content below commercial grade. Prod: 6 tons of beryl in 1952. Ref: 158.

Crawford

(see Indian Chief Uranium)

Dahl Uranium Mine, Inc. (12)

(see also under Spokane County)

Loc: Sec. 13, (28-37E), near Midnite mine. Owner: Dahl Uranium Mine, Inc., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite near contact of granite with argillite. Dev: Several drill holes as much as 75 ft. deep showed weak radioactivity. One hole showed ore from the 128-ft. to 140-ft. depth. Assays: 0.20% to 0.70% U₃O₈ equivalent from 128-ft. to 134-ft. depth in one hole. Ref: 158.

Germania (8)

Loc: Near center SW¼ sec. 13, (29-37E), Deer Trail dist. Ore: Tungsten. Deposit: Wolframite in quartz veins 2 in. to 3 ft. wide in granite. Area of high radioactivity reported on property. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Germania Consolidated (8A)

Loc: Secs. 23, 24, and 26, (29-37E), Deer Trail dist. Ore: Tungsten. Deposit: Wolframite in 3 narrow quartz veins in granite. Radioactivity reported on 128 acres of deeded land on N. border of company holdings. Ref: 158. Details other than those dealing with uranium are described more fully in Washington Div. Mines and Geology Bull. 37, Pt. II.

Indian Chief Uranium (Crawford) (7)

Loc: Sec. 10, (29-37E) and N½ sec. 8, (29-38E), about 7 mi. N. of Midnite mine. Access: Roads. Prop. 22 unpatented claims. Owner: Indian Chief Uranium Co. leasing to Sidney Mining Co. and Mascot Mines Co., Kellogg, Idaho (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Autunite reported in sec. 10, (29-37E) in a "tight" vein at a granite-quartzite contact. Exposed along the full length of a 30-ft. bulldozer trench that does not reach either end of the vein. Dev: 1,800 ft. of bulldozer trenching (May 1955). Ref: 158.

Lowley (17)

Loc: S½ sec. 13, (27-37E), 7 mi. S. of Midnite mine. Prop: 320 acres. Owner: Daybreak Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., has assignment of prospecting lease held by William Lowley, Wellpinit, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Uraninite, uranophane, autunite, and torbernite. Deposit: Faulted contact between granite and metasediments has uranium mineralization in small fracture seams throughout an area 100 ft. by 300 ft.

Assays: 50 lb. of samples across 70-ft. width reported to run 1.05% U₀O₈. **Prod:** 5 carloads reported in 1956. **Ref:** 158.

Lucky Charm Uranium (10)

Loc: Adjoins the Midnite uranium mine on the NE. In sec. 7, (28-38E), also secs. 23 and 26, (27-37E) and S½ sec. 23, (29-38E). Owner: Lucky Charm Uranium Mines., Inc., Spokane, Wash., holds prospecting permits on 5 sections of Spokane Indian Reservation land. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: "Good radioactivity." Autunite along joints in altered basalt in bulldozer cuts in S½ sec. 23, (29-38E). Ref: 158.

Midnite (9)

Loc: Secs. 1 and 12, (28-37E), on flanks of Lookout Mtn., 10 mi. NW. of Wellpinit. Elev: 2,800 to 3,400 ft. Access: 33 mi. by road to railroad at Springdale or Reardan. Prop: 570-acre lease from Spokane Indian Agency. Owner: Midnite Mines, Inc., Clair Wynecoop, Pres., Wellpinit, Wash. (1954----) leasing to Dawn Mining Co., 503 Public Service Bldg., Portland, Oreg. (1955-). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Autunite, uranophane, gummite, torbernite, uraninite, liebigite, phosphuranylite. Gangue: Altered rock. Deposit: Radioactivity traced more than 1 mi. N. and S. Uranium mineralization is in shear zones at and near intrusive contact of Loon Lake granite and Deer Trail argillite in a contact zone which is 100 to 200 ft. wide. Ore bodies. ranging up to several hundred ft. in length and 30 or more ft. in width, are richest at the center and grade outward to assay walls. Autunite and uranophane are the principal ore minerals, but uraninite was found with pyrite at a depth of 150 ft. in one core hole. Mineralization is strongest along joints in argillite but extends down into granite also. Est. 700,000 tons ore reserves reported in 1956. Dev: 13 diamond drill holes drilled by A.E.C. and 28,476 ft. of diamond drill holes drilled by Dawn Mining Co. Numerous bulldozer trenches, 540 ft. of adit workings (1955). Assays: One representative sample ran 0.48% U₃O₈, and others ran as high as 0.86% U₃O₈. Av. of 709 tons shipped was 0.285% U₂O₈. **Prod:** 100 tons of ore in 1954, 609 tons through Feb. 1955. 94 carloads of ore prior to end of Jan. 1956. Ref: 152-A. 158.

Northwest Uranium (15)

Loc: On Spokane Indian Reservation, southern Stevens County, 3 mi. S. of Midnite mine. Owner: Northwest Uranium Mines, Inc., Wallace, Idaho (1955—). Ore: Uranium. Ore min: Autunite. Deposit: Secondary uranium minerals in faults and lignite beds in flat-lying Tertiary claystone, sandstone, and conglomerate beds overlying granite. Dev: Trenches in an area 1,000 ft. by 600 ft. Assays: Sample across 20-ft. stratigraphic thickness of beds shows 0.13% U₂O₈. Selected samples from lignite show as high as 1.15% U₂O₈ and av. 0.643%. A fault-breccia zone 3 ft. wide assays 0.237% U₂O₈. Chemical analysis of three 50-lb. samples showed: (1) bentonitic clay and carbonaceous material—0.427% U₂O₈, (2) arkose—7.16% U₂O₈, (3) conglomerate—0.128% U₂O₈. Radiometric analysis of these same samples showed only about half the above indicated values. Ref: 158.

O'Toole Mountain (3)

Loc: N½ sec. 9, (38-39E), on O'Toole Mtn., 12 mi. from Bossburg. Elev: 3,500 ft. Access: Road. Prop. 2 claims: Mountain View No. 1, Urabar No. 1. Owner: V. J. Granfors, Seattle, Wash. (1953). Grutts and Mulligan (1903). Ore: Uranium reported, but one spectrographic analysis failed to show any uranium although the sample was radioactive. The

rare earth elements, scandium, yttrium, and ytterbium are present. Ore min: Pyrite, galena. Ref: 105, 2/03, p. 95.

Painted Desert (2A)

(see also under Spokane County)

Loc: Near Orient. **Prop:** 6 claims and options on 195 acres of land. **Owner:** Painted Desert Uranium and Oil Co., Spokane, Wash. (1955——). **Ore:** Uranium. **Assays:** Samples reported from 0.30% to 1% U₃O₈. **Ref:** 158.

Railway Dike

(see Cannon)

Section 13 (16)

Loc: Sec. 13, (27-37E); in Spokane Indian Reservation. Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Uranophane in anthophyllite along contact. Ref: 158.

Snowshoe (6)

Loc: Secs. 33 and 34, (30-38E). Prop: 10 unpatented claims. Owner: American Silver Mining Co., Spokane, Wash., and Frontier Uranium, Inc., Seattle, Wash., jointly own the property (1955). Ore: Uranium (?). Deposit: Radioactivity reported. Ref: 158.

Square Deal (13)

Loc: Sec. 13, (28-37E), adjacent to Midnite property. Owner: Square Deal Mining & Milling Co., Wallace, Idaho, has agreement with Spokane Indian tribal members who hold prospecting permits on 640 acres (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: U₃O₈ values of about 0.1% along granite-argillite contact. Ref: 158.

U & W Uranium (2)

Loc: Leased land in Secs. 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26, (40-36E), Orient dist. Access: Road. Prop: Several hundred acres of leased land, 11 unpatented adjacent claims. Owner: U & W Uranium, Inc., Spokane, Wash., is leasing mineral rights from J. C. B. Graeber and others (1955). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Uraninite in mica schist. Assays: One sample from center SE¼ sec. 23, (40-36E) is reported to show 2.82% U₂O₅. Ref: 158.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Bumping Lake (1)

Loc: In the valley of Deep Cr., near the mouth of Copper Cr., on the road to Copper City, 5 mi. S. of Bumping Lk. dam. Access: 5 mi. by gravel road and 11 mi. by paved road from Chinook Pass highway. 53 mi. by road from railroad at Naches. Prop: 6 unpatented claims, including El Khohbar No. 1. Owner: Tom Hendrix, Yakima, Wash. (1954——). Ore: Uranium. Deposit: Strong radioactivity in soil and gravel around a mineral spring which emerges from granite near contact with andesite. Also some autunite along joints in granite. Dev: Open pits. Assays: 0.88% $U_{\circ}O_{\circ}$ by wet analysis and 0.36% $U_{\circ}O_{\circ}$ by radiometric test on surficial soil. Note: Within a few days of the announcement of this original discovery more than 80 claims were staked by various people in an area about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. square in this vicinity. Ref: 158.

Chinook Pass (2)

Loc: About 3 mi. E. of Chinook Pass, in western Yakima County. Owner: Thomas Smith, Hainline, Wash. (1955——). Ore: Uranium reported. Ref: 158.

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