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A factual review of mining developments in the State of Washington in 1947

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In reviewing the state's mining activities for the present year it is not anticipated that there will be much, if any, increase in the metallic production for 1947 over the year 1946, because of the work suspensions in the Metaline area and also at the Holden property.

However, one of the outstanding features during the year has been the number of old producers that are being reactivated, showing an augmented interest in mining. In the event the labor supply continues to increase, the outlook for a healthy increase in production tonnage during 1948 is promising. Possibly the best way to illustrate this is to look at the 1947 activities in the various counties:

Whatcom County

At the Lone Jack mine the rehabilitation of both the mine and mill has progressed steadily all summer. Over 15 tons of machinery has been taken in for the mill.

The Boundary Red Mountain mine has been doing both exploratory and development work.

It is reported the Silver Tip mine has recently made a two-car shipment.

The Glacier Silver Lead Mining Co. has started development of their prospect near Glacier.

In the Slate Creek area the Baltimore, Gold Hill, and the New Light mines have been developing steadily. At the New Light some tonnage was put through the mill with very encouraging results. It is fully expected that shipments from this area will be made in 1948.

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Snohomish County

The S. M. P. Mining Co., the Kromona mines, and the Mineral Center Mining Co. have all been actively developing during the year.

Skagit County

The Johnsburg Mining and Milling Co. started developing and equipping their lead property and they now expect to be producing and shipping by early spring of next year.

King County

The Bear Basin Mining Co. and the Lennox Creek Co. have been doing development work. Recently the Bear Basin Co. made some small shipments by helicopter. Considerable work was also accomplished by the miners on the road leading to the area.

The Index Mining Co. has been producing and recently made a shipment from their Sunset property.

Chelan County

The Holden mine completed its development program and is again in full production.

The Black Warrior Co. have been double shifting their development and expects to be in production next spring.

The Horseshoe Basin Mining and Development Co. has also shown considerable activity.

The Gold Bond Mining Co. has worked steadily throughout the year and has been shipping concentrates.

The Hidden Treasure prospect is developing.

Okanogan County

The Kaaba-Texas has worked steadily all year producing regularly, and the Alice mine has also shown production.

The Kimberly group, Alder, Copper Glance, Imperial, Lone Star, the Minnie, Silver King, Molly, and Mazama Pride have all been doing development work, and at the old Arlington mine near Ruby dewatering operations preparatory to exploration of the property has been started.

The Glacier Silver Lead Mining Co. is expected to start development shortly.

Lincoln
Franklin County

At the Spokane Molybdenum Mines property development work has been continued.

Yakima County

Both the Fife and Chinook mines produced during the year and are reported to have made some shipments.

Ferry County

The Knob Hill, Trade Dollar, and Ben Hur have produced and shipped throughout this year, and the South Penn for part of the year.

The Surprise and Tom Thumb have recently started operations.

The Flag Hill mine is doing some exploratory and development work, and the Big Lake, Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., and the Pacific Mutual Silver Lead Co. have carried on development work.

Stevens County

The Bonanza Lead, Farmers Mine, Red Top, Deer Trail, Cleveland, Lead Point Electric, Deep Creek, Last Chance, Talisman, Young America,

Stevens County -- (cont.)

Moonlite, and the Comstock have all been in production this year, while the First Thought, Cliff, Big Chief, Galena Farm, Lone Star, Frisco Standard, Anderson, Morning, Chewelah Eagle, Silver Trail, Montgomery, Goldbar Mining Co., and the Burrus properties have all carried on development programs.

Pend Oreille County

The American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co., Grandview Mines, Inc., and the Pend Oreille Mines & Metals Co. operated throughout the year. Although the Metaline Mining & Leasing Co. was active part of the year, it is not now producing but has recently commenced an exploration and development program.

Exploring, with some drilling, has been done at the Little Noisy prospect. According to a late report the Sullivan Mining Company has recently acquired ^{control of} the holdings of the Metaline and Pine Creek Consolidated Mining Company and is exploring them by a drilling program.

A great deal of exploration by drilling has been carried on in this area during the year, and from results being obtained, the possibility of new properties being opened up next year is very promising.

For the state as a whole there are 31 properties operating and in production and 41 being developed.

From the foregoing and especially when consideration is given to the number of old producing properties that are being rehabilitated, there seems no reason to expect other than a really healthy increase in our production during the coming year.