

3. WHITE ELEPHANT MINE NTS 82 L-4

Summary

White Elephant was a small gold producer which ran out of ore (quartz-vein) and was forced to shut down.

Conclusions

Passing interest.

Recommendations

None.

Introduction

The mine was brought to my attention by Steve Severson of Merritt (via Selwyn Jones) who holds several crown grants in the area. I spent two hours looking at the property and the broken down mill-site.

Location

About six miles west of Okanagan Lake on the Fintry Farm Road (See Location Map).

Access

From Vernon or Kelowna via Westside Road and the Fintry Farm Road.

Property and Ownership

Not known.

Topography

Hilly, well-wooded with spruce and poplar, light underbrush.

History of the Occurrence

Producer in the early thirties, put in a \$2 million mill and ran out of ore after \$1 million revenue mark was passed.

General Geology

Country rocks in the region are granites of the Coast Crystalline Complex. Ore carrier was a large flat-lying quartz vein approximately 150' long x 60' wide x 20' deep.

Mineralization

Reported to carry gold tellurides (?). There was also a dump of about 5 tons of massive pyrrhotite with minor chalcopyrite near a portal to the old glory-hole. The pyrrhotite was lamped for tungsten with negative results.

