

June 1, 1954

ITINERARY REPORT

TO: Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner of Mines.

FROM: M. W. Jasper, Associate Mining Engineer.

SUBJECT: The Little Susitna River drainage area was re-visited upon request by owners of the Juneau Group of lode claims to accompany and point out structural conditions and locations of the several showings on the west end of the Little Susitna-Moose Creek mineralized zone, carrying low-grade copper values, to A. O. Hall, mining engineer in charge of Western Canada and Alaska exploration for American Smelting and Refining Company.

This was scheduled as one of several investigations made last week in the Palmer and Wasilla Recording Precincts.

May 24th: Left Anchorage at 2:15 P. M. by personal car. Arriving at Palmer at 3:45 P. M., 3 pictures of the Anchorage Territorial Department of Mines building were left with Julius Moor, engineer with the U. S. Geological Survey Hydrographic Section, requested for illustrating an article on the recently completed Anchorage Field Office to be published in Mining World.

Arrived at Little Susitna Lodge at 5:15 P. M. Continuing from there up the valley on Lonesome Mine road, the car was left at the Little Susitna River crossing, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Lodge, hiking the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Lonesome Mine camp, joining W. Peterson and A. O. Hall at 6:30 P. M.

The 3 miles of road from the Lodge to Lonesome Mine camp will have to be graded, gravelled in certain sections, and a short bridge rebuilt to cross the Little Susitna before it can be used by other than 4 wheel drive trucks this season. With Owners of the Lonesome Mine planning small scale operations this season - beginning around June 1st - repair of this road at early date is recommended.

May 25th: Leaving Lonesome Mine camp at 7 A. M. with Messrs Hall and Peterson the day was spent on reconnaissance up Lone Tree Gulch, returning to camp at 4 P. M.

With intermittent rains and wet snow throughout day, and fog and clouds hanging at 3500 foot elevation most of the day, and 2 to 6 inches of fresh wet snow covering previously bare slopes, visibility was very poor ~~poor~~ and the showings were either obscured or fresh snow made climbing the steep slopes too hazardous. The examination was abandoned at 3 P. M. and plans made by Mr. Hall to return around June 15th.

Returned to Little Susitna Lodge 5 P. M.

Arrived at Wasilla 6:30 P. M. Contacted Jack Fabian and was advised work planned to continue testing of the clay deposit of Fabian and Moore would probably be delayed a month, as Fabian at present is planning sinking shaft on right limits of Fishhook Creek above Fishhook bridge in search of an old channel which he believes may have escaped "scouring" during period (or periods) of glaciation. The possibility of finding economic placer gold concentrations in old channel of either Fishhook Creek or the Little Susitna River as considered remote by the undersigned.

Returned to Palmer for the night.

May 26th: The day was largely spent examining records of Mining Recorders at Palmer and Wasilla.

At Palmer the ~~only~~ filings made this year, to date, ~~was~~ include that of Messrs Peterson, Eilsen, and Dyrdaahl, who filed notice of "grouping" the Juneau group of claims, which ~~which~~ locations were made to cover the copper occurrences on the Little Susitna-Moose Creek mineralized gneissic zone. This notice was filed May 4th, 1954. Kk 85-62+85

Commissioner Saxton called attention to fact that she believed this filing should be amended, as it did not include ~~name~~ of claims, and a Location Notice Certificate form was used and information thereon was not considered either complete or clear. The attention of Mr. Walford Peterson was called this fact when in Anchorage Tuesday A. M., and it was suggested he consult an attorney and have a proper document drawn up to clarify and record.

Crosby Brothers et al recorded location of 9 more placer claims on upper Caribou Creek on March 10, 1954, and 2 more on April 10, 1954. Kk-85-4, 16-85, 8-1-85

Following up a recent letter from Commissioner Holdsworth Mining Recorder Saxton asked that the writer contact Howard C. Luther, Anchorage, and have him advise Ted Robbins that the latter should relocate his 8 placer claims on Glacier Creek, upper Matanuska River tributary; the record shows that Robbins discovery was made May 10, 1947, but it was not located until October 15, 1952. On June 1st, 1954, Mr. Luther was contacted by phone in Anchorage and advised to contact Robbins and advise him as above noted, which he promised to do that evening as Robbins was staying with him for few days. Luther advised he personally had \$5000.00 invested in that venture, and that they planned to make trip into that area shortly to acquire more ground through location of additional claims.

On Page 39, Book 2, Palmer Recorders office the following illuminating Location certificate was noted:-

Discovery June 1st, 1947. Location May 6, 1953. Hicks Creek ~~Gold~~ Glacier Gold Co. placer mining claims. "Has located a placer mining claims 26,400 feet in length and 660 feet in width, being approximately 1400 acres in Palmer Recording office. Beginning at B. M. 1384 and ending at B. M. 1712

running east and west, and following course of Matanuska River from Watchtower Inn to mouth of Glacier Creek". P. L. Gregersen, C. P. & Joseph Gregersen, and George Ingraham. Locators. I believe the Gregersens are the men who have "reputedly" developed a "secret" quick-silver treatment and washing plant for recovery of fine and/or "dirty" placer gold where others have previously failed.(?).

At Wasilla Recorders Office advice was received that no new locations had been filed this year. During month of May it had been reported to field engineer in Anchorage office that numerous claims had been staked covering the reputed extensive "bog iron" occurrence brought to the Territorial Department of Mines attention by Kleth Capper, the discoverer, in April 1954. No record of such locations have been filed at Wasilla - it is possible the occurrence (in the Caswell area) may be in the Talkeetna Precinct and may be recorded at Talkeetna.

Returned to Little Susitna Lodge at 5 P. M. for a pre-arranged investigation of reported asbestos occurrence below mouth of Fishhook Creek, scheduled for May 27th., with Vic Cottini.

May 27th: With rain falling steadily throughout the night and the snowline down to 3200 to 3500 level, this trip was cancelled.

Returning to Palmer via side trip to Buffalo mine district to check Boyles Bros. diamond drilling progress, the current drill hole was down to 900 feet.

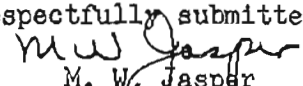
Stopped at Warren Rice's Premier Lease coal development project. Rice was in the mine and was not contacted. It is understood he had one man working with him.

Left Palmer at 1 P. M. Stopped at the Valley Concrete Products plant and contacted James and Albert Fry. They advised that Loren Smith and Don Utter were leaving in day or two to spend the summer on their placer property. Their claims are located on Eagle Creek, a tributary ~~at~~ headwaters of Slana River; Eagle Creek drains into Lake Mankomen near outlet of the latter.

From 2 to 3 P. M. stopped at Eklutna tunnel project office and arranged for trip through the tunnel the following Tuesday or Wednesday. Was advised that 7000 feet remain to complete concreting the tunnel.

From 4 to 6 P. M. stopped at Mt. View and contacted Wyman Anderson. Wyman gave information on several mineral occurrences which he considered would be of interest to investigate. A memorandum will be written on these.

Returned to Anchorage at 6:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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