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PROPERTY NAME: Pronto Plata Mine

OTHER NAMES:

MINERAL COMMODITY(IES): Hg

TYPE OF DEPOSIT: Opalite

ACCESSIBILITY:

OWNERSHIP:

PRODUCTION: Minor

HISTORY:

County: Pershing ~~Form~~ 5

Mining District: Goldbanks

AMS Sheet: Winnemucca

Quad Sheet: Leach Hot Springs 15'  
S/2 S31, T31N, R38E and NE 1/4  
Sec. 6, T. 30N, R. 38E

Coordinate (UTM):

North 4141814101010 m

East 0141317101715 m

Zone 11

DEVELOPMENT: Small open pit, bulldozer cuts, and pits.

ACTIVITY AT TIME OF EXAMINATION: None. Rotary drilling within the last several years, probably for precious metals. Recent drilling and roads to the north of the old pit 200+m, possibly by Kennecott.

GEOLOGY: Disseminated and streaky cinnabar occurs in light gray opalite. The opalite is probably a replacement of tuff and pebbly tuff. The fine-grained opalite unit may be only 1-2 m thick, although it is not anywhere completely exposed. Argillized olive tuffaceous sediments are adjacent to the opalite. The fine-grained cinnabar is photo sensitive (black on surfaces exposed to light). The opalite probably underlies a ridge-capping Tertiary basalt flow unit.

REMARKS: Sample 2362 is select cinnabar-bearing opalite. Photo LG 843-35 is of cabin in aspen grove near open pit.

REFERENCES: Baily<sup>e</sup> and others (1984)

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