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Item # 4

- a. Osceola district, White Pine County, Nevada.
- b. Geographic coordinates: 39°04' N., 114°23' W.
- c. Status of exploitation: Discovered in 1872. Production of gold, silver, and lead to 1907 was about \$2,000,000 mostly in gold; silver production not specified.
- d. References: Lincoln, F. C., 1923, Mining districts and mineral resources of Nevada: Reno, Nev. Newsletter Pub. Co., p. 253.
- e. Adequacy of our present knowledge: Inadequate.
- f. Topographic coverage: Inadequate, none.
- g. Major mineralogic and geologic features: Cambrian conglomerate, argillite, quartzite, and limestone intruded by granite porphyry. Country rock of auriferous lodes is quartzite and ore occurs in zones of fractures. Gold is in flakes and finely disseminated in quartz seams and veinlets, and occurs in vugs lined with fluorite and other minerals. Scheelite occurs in quartz veins in limestone, silver-lead ore occurs in one deposit.

Silver in the United States

(Data sheets for individual mining districts, prepared in conjunction with metallogenic map for 1960 International Geological Congress.)

Authorship:

E. T. McKnight - All districts west of the Mississippi River, except most of those silver-producing districts containing less than 1,000 tons of lead or zinc in the following states: Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Also the following silver districts in 4 of the states mentioned: Vulture, and Helvetia, Ariz.; Miami, Globe, Apache, Black Range, Chloride Flat, Georgetown and Lake Valley, New Mexico; Ashwood and Granite, Oregon; Deertrail, Nespalam and Ruby-Conconully, Washington.

*Ash Peak,  
White Pine district, Michigan.*

A. V. Heyl, Jr. - All districts east of the Mississippi River (except White Pine, Mich.)

Harry Klemic and W. L. Newman - Silver districts not associated with lead or zinc, in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington (except as listed above).

Size categories of deposits  
(as penciled in left margins)

	0	1	2	3
Cu	Less than 1,000 tons	1,000 to 50,000 tons	50,000 to 1,000,000 tons	More than 1,000,000 tons
Pb	"	"	"	"
Zn	"	"	"	"
Ag	Less than 100,000 oz.	100,000 to 5,000,000 oz.	5,000,000 to 50,000,000 oz.	More than 50,000,000 oz.
Au	Less than 10,000 oz.	10,000 to 100,000 oz.	100,000 to 1,000,000 oz.	More than 1,000,000 oz.

(NOTE: Categories for Au are less certain than for others.)

District No. on  
metallogenic map  
penciled at lower  
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M 031240 LOCALITY INFORMATION

\* RECORD NO. . . . . B10 < D001258 >

\* DEPOSIT NAME . . . A10 < KolcheK mine >

OWNER. . . . . A12 < >

\* MINING DISTRICT. A30 < Cleve Creek (KolcheK) district >

\* COUNTY . . . . . A40 < White Pine >

\* QUAD . . . . . A80 < Connors Pass (1959) CAVE CREEK (1981) >

\* QUAD SCALE . . . A100 < 62500 24,000 >

\* FAMS SHEET . . . A92 < Ely NJ 11-3 (1956) >

\* LAND STATUS . . . A64 < 41 >

- DEPOSIT TYPE . . . C40 < breccia fill; replacement >

HOST ROCK GEN | C21 < Limestone >

HOST ROCK ERA. . . C22 < Cambrian >

PRODUCTION (MS) . C23 < small 442 units WO<sub>3</sub> 1946-1949, 1953 >

GENERAL COMMENTS GEN < The KolcheK mine was first operated in 1923 for gold ore. No further production until 1951-1953 with a few shipments of gold ore. In 1953 a tungsten ore body was discovered and 32 tons of ore averaging 3.15% WO<sub>3</sub> was shipped. Total recorded production of mine is 86 oz Au, 363 oz Ag and 101 short ton units of WO<sub>3</sub>. Old workings consist of 200 ft. adit w/ stoping. New workings (300 ft. east of old adit) consists of surface stripping (300 ft long + 100 ft wide) on 2 benches, + 2 shallow test pits. DISCOVERED IN 1907 BY ALEX KOLCHEK; EXPLORED FOR TUNGSTEN IN 1946-1949 >

PREFERRED UTM NORTHING A120 < 4,3,4,6,3,1,0 . . . >

UTM EASTING A130 < 0,7,0,4,8,0,0 . . . >

UTM ZONE NO. A110 < +11 >

LATITUDE A70 < 3,9,-1,4,-3,0 . . . >

LONGITUDE A80 < 1,1,4,-3,9,-3,0 . . . >

### \* RECORD TYPE . . . B20 < X / / > CRIB REPORT FORM (Nevada Version) USGS

\* INFORMATION SOURCE B30 < / > \* L (NEW RECORD) U (UPDATE)

DEPOSIT NO. . . . . B40 < > \* DATE G1 < 18/1/103 > \* REPORTER G2 < Royse, Sue E >

FILE LINK ID. . . . . B50 < > G3 < YR. MO. > G4 < LAST FIRST IN >

A40 < US > (US) A50 < 32 > (32)

### COMMODITY INFORMATION

\* COMMODITIES PRESENT: C10 < Au, Ag, W, . . . >

- MAJOR COMM. PRESENT C11 < W, . . . >

- MINOR COMM. PRESENT C12 < Au, Ag, . . . >

- POTENTIAL PRODUCTS . . . POTEN < . . . >

- OCCURRENCES . . . . . OCCUR < . . . >

- MAJOR PRODUCTS . . . MAJOR < W, . . . >

MINOR PRODUCTS . . . MINOR < Au, Ag, . . . >

- PRODUCTION NO YES SML MED LGE circle

→ ORE MINERALS C30 < scheelite, silver bromides & chlorides, minor gold >

→ MAIN ORE MINERALS C31 < >

→ MINOR ORE MINERALS C32 < >

STATUS OF EXPLORATION OR DEVELOPMENT (CIRCLE ONE)

→ A20 < 1 > OCCURENCE A20 < 2 > RAW PROSPECT A20 < 3 > DEV PROSPECT A20 < 4 > MINE

→ A21 (ACTIVE) A22 (INACTIVE) (CIRCLE ONE)

→ DEPOSIT SIZE M15 < small >

→ STRIKE M70 < . . . > → DIP M80 < . . . >

→ PLUNGE M90 < . . . > DIR. M100 < . . . >

### GEOLOGIC INFORMATION

→ K1 < C.A.M.B., . . . > → K1a < limestone member of Combined Metals Member (Pioche Shale) POLE CANYON LIMESTONE  
AGE OF HOST ROCK HOST ROCK TYPE

→ K2 < . . . > → K2a < . . . > ASSOCIATED IGNEOUS ROCK TYPE  
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→ K3 < . . . > → N5 < . . . > MAJOR REGIONAL STRUCTURES  
age of mineralization

→ K5 < . . . > → N70 < NW-trending fault system, N-fault system significant local structures  
important ore control or locus

→ N75 < . . . > → N80 < . . . > geol. processes of conc. or enrichment  
significant alteration

C43 < 0.01 to 0.5% WO<sub>3</sub> assay analytical data > → K4 < quartz, limonite, calcite, feldspar pertinent mineralogy other than ore minerals

N85 < Tungsten is in the Combined Metals member a few tens of feet above the base of the Pioche Shale, Scheelite  
GEOLOGIC OR MINERALOGIC COMMENTS (Cover)

### GENERAL REFERENCES

- 1) F1 < Smith, R.M., 1976, Geology & Mineral Resources of White Pine County, Nevada; NBMG Bull. 85 >
- 2) F2 < Johnson & Benson, 1963, Tungsten Resources of Nevada; USBRM >
- 3) F3 < STAGER, H.K., NBMG BULL IN PREPARATION ON TUNGSTEN DEPOSITS OF NEVADA. >
- 4) F4 < DREWES, H., 1967, USGS PP 557, p. 82.

A62 < 16060008Y >

\* ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

→ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\$10 < 32 TONS ORE CONTAINING 3.15% WO<sub>3</sub> WAS SHIPPED FROM THE MINE IN 1953  
D9 < DREWES, 1967, p. 82. >

#### Geologic & Mineralogic Comments (con.)

occurs in quartz veinlets and as crystal aggregates replacing the limestone. Gold occurs with sulfides in the quartz. The silver-gold mineralization occurs along the major fault system that strikes N40W, near its junction with a north-trending fracture. In an area of recrystallized gray limestone, 60 ft. long & 30 ft wide, silver as bromides & chlorides, with minor amounts of gold, occurs in small irregular pockets. About 300 ft. east of this area, tungsten mineralization occurs in an area 300 feet long & 100 feet wide. Here limestones have been brecciated adjacent to fractures. In the crushed zones the fractures have been filled with limonite, quartz, calcite, feldspar, & scheelite.