

AGNESS AREA

Geography: The Agness area includes that portion of eastern Curry County which lies east of R. 13 W., composed of the drainage on both sides of the Rogue River from the mouth of Bill Moore Creek to Paradise Bar, together with the drainage area west of the Illinois as far south as, and including Colliers Creek. This area includes the Colliers Creek mining district. This area is in the east central part of Curry county and is named after the principal community located on the Rogue River. It is bounded on the west by the Gold Beach area south of the Rogue River, and north of this river by the Lobster creek district; the northern boundary is the Coos-Curry county line and the Mule Creek area; on the east the boundary is Curry-Josephine county line; and on the south the boundary is the Chetco district. The old Collier creek district is made a part of the Agness Area.

"The elevation of the district varies from about 120 feet at Agness to more than 4600 feet on the Big Craggies. The climate is mild, the usual summer temperatures being between 60 and 70 degrees. The temperatures in the winter are usually above freezing, but in the higher altitudes are sometimes below zero. The annual rainfall is above 65 inches. In the lower altitudes the snow rarely stays on the ground long, but in the higher elevations it may accumulate for a few weeks.

"The district is forested in part, being within the Siskiyou National forest. Forest maps showing trails, the general drainage, and other useful information, can be had by applying to the Forest Supervisor, Grants Pass, Or gon, or to the United States Forest Service, Portland, Oregon" (Ref: Parks & Swartley, 16:263)

Transportation: Transportation is afforded by power launch on the Rogue River to Agness and by summer road to Agness from Powers on the north; and by summer road from the mouth of Pistol River on the coast to Wildhorse Lookout on the district's western border. The remainder and greater part of the district is reached only by poor trails.

AGNESS GROUP (chromite)

Agness District.

"Nine claims south of Agness and north of Lawson creek were visited. Four of these lie in a line trending almost south from Agness and continuing into the Game Lake group. Four others make up a similar line four miles long, lying about two and a half miles to the west of the first. These lie in T. 35 and 36 S., and R. 11 and 12 W.

"All the deposits appear in zones of sheared green talcose serpentine. Irregular areas of dark brown serpentine with a pitchy lustre, and thin lenses of white siliceous magnesite are frequently found near the deposits. In five of the localities the contact of the serpentine with greenstone, schist, sandstone, or dacite porphyry was within 200 yards of the deposits. At two localities the chromite, besides occurring in small high-grade bodies was found in narrow seams in the zone, as well as disseminated through more massive porcellaneous serpentine nearby." (Ref. Allen, 38:40)