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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
U.S. Court House, Rm. 656
West 920 Riverside Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99201
September 26, 1969

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration

From: Field Officer, OME, Region I

Subject: Transmittal of Application for Assistance (Silver)
Harry G. Bentz
Lucky Strike-Bull Moose Claims
Granite County, Montana

Enclosed is an application for OME assistance to explore along a vein that contains copper, molybdenum, tungsten, and silver in granite near a contact with quartzite. Assay of a hand sample indicates that the vein contains only 1 ounce silver per ton; however, the applicant states that other records have been destroyed by fire. The vein has been partially explored by 2 short adits, 1 of which is 75 feet higher in elevation than the other.

I have failed to find information on the geology of the area in our library. Possibly, the ore is somewhat similar to that found in the Philipsburg, Montana area; it does sound more similar to a contact-metamorphic deposit. I doubt that the applicant can furnish us with much more meaningful information and any other information would have to be collected during a field examination of the property. The data in the application suggest that there is little likelihood of finding a significant new discovery by doing the proposed work.

Willard P. Puffett

Willard P. Puffett

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85–701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

NAME OF APPLICANT *(Full legal name and mailing address as they should appear on contract if one is executed.)*

Harry G. Bentz
Rt 1
Philipsburg, Montana

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER: 6805

DATE RECEIVED: 9-29-69

REGION: I

DIVISION CODE:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

- INDIVIDUAL [X]
- CORPORATION [ ]
- PARTNERSHIP [ ]
- OTHER *(Specify)* [ ]

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED: Montana

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE: Silver

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: $ 100,000.00

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	LOCATION STATE
Lucky Strike	Granite	Montana
Bull Moose		

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit two copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 3(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior,* ~~Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.~~ Washington, D. C., 20242, or with the nearest OME Field Office.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

September 5, 1969
DATED

Harry Bentz
BY *(Signature)*

owner
TITLE

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

3. Physical Description:

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you have, indicating whether you require their return.

4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road must be built, show the proposed location on the property map and state the length, type and construction methods proposed.

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. (*Note*—If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant which will be used in the exploration work.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration work, stating specifications and cost including labor, materials, and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(e). Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories. [*Note*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

August 29, 1969

Dear Sirs;

Would you make a loan for the purpose of mine exploration on a silver, copper, molybdenum and scheelite property?

I would need approxamately $100,000.00, which would be paid back on a royalty basis when the ore is smelted.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Bentz
Rt. 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

FIRST NATIONAL Bank
ANACONDA, MONTANA
AFFILIATED WITH THE NORTHWEST BANCORPORATION

September 2, 1969

Mr. Harry Bentz
Rt. 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

Dear Mr. Bentz:

We are sorry, but we are unable to accept an application for a loan for mine exploration. Thanks.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth L. Lapp

Kenneth L. Lapp
Assistant Cashier

KLL/tm

Flint Creek Valley BANK
PHILIPSBURG, MONTANA 59858

B. G. PAIGE, PRESIDENT
ZANE. G. MURFITT, VICE PRESIDENT AND CASHIER

CLAUDE J. SORENSEN, ASSISTANT CASHIER
AGNES L. KEARNS, AUDITOR

September 4, 1969

Mr. Harry Bentz
Route 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

Dear Mr. Bentz:

I am sorry to advise you that our Bank is not interested in making an exploration loan for mining in the amount of $100,000.

This is in response to your request of August 29. Our Bank has never made such loans and does not contemplate making any in the future.

Very truly yours,

B. G. Paige
President

BGP/dm

1. Financial Eligibility:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I sent to the banks and their replys.

2. Rights in Land:
   (a) owner of all mineral rights, no partners or mortgages of any kind.
   (b) (1) the claims are located in section 5, township 4 N., range 16 W. of Granite County, Montana.
   (2) they have always been known by the names Bull Moose and Lucky Strike.
   (3) original Location: Lucky Strike-Book 22, page 298, September 20, 1954. Bull Moose-Book 18, page 444, September 20, 1954. Relocation: Lucky Strike-Book 23, page 355. Bull Moose-Book 23, page 351. Recorded at the County Court House, Philipsburg, Montana 59858
3. Physical Description:
   (a) (1) one 50 foot tunnel along the course of the vein.
   (2) one 20 foot tunnel along course of vein, 75 feet lower than first.
   (3) numerous small prospect holes dug on various outcroppings.
   (b) all work has been done by me.
   (c) no ore has been shipped.
   (d) Several assays were made in previous years but all records were destroyed in a fire of my home. All assays showed silver, molybdenum, copper and scheelite.
   (e) mineral bearing quartz veins on approxamately a 45 degree angle, running north and south in a granite formation. The vein where the tunnels are located is from 18 to 24 inches in width
   (f) all quartz in the vein has minerals showing and many were identified by the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Albany, Oregon.
4. Accessibility of Property:
   (a) I will meet your representative or he can drive here by four wheel drive unit. From Philipsburg, go 7 miles west to route 38. Then 8 miles to Middle Fork Road. Then 1 mile to Ross Fork Road. Follow Ross Fork Road and Trail signs as far as you can go with a car. Any rancher on Ross Fork can give directions.
   (b) Philipsburg and Anaconda, Montana.
5. Exploration Work:
   (a) Work is to be done on the Lucky Strike claim at the site of the lower tunnel and is to be a regulation size drift along the course of the vein and continueing on to a contact which outcrops on the top of the mountain. The tunnel is 300 feet in a westerly direction from corner no. 1 of of the Lucky Strike claim.
   (b) access road work would be improving approxamately 3 miles of existing Forest Service road with some changes to avoid steep grades. The work can be performed by a catapillar.
   (c) work can be started as soon as road improvements are made and mining equipment arrives and is put in working order. I estimate that approx-500 feet of drift would reach the contact and with no major problems, we should progress at approxamately 4 or 5 feet per day under usual mining conditions. Therefore approxamately 125 days driving drift plus whatever time is used to bring in and install equipment.
6. Experience:
   I have worked as a miner approxamately 5 years and have prospected for 30 years. I worked for the State of Montana Highway Department for 11 years during which time I ran jackhammer for 5 years and also used different types of big equipment.
7. Estimate of Costs:
   (a) Bulldozer operations at approxamately $50.00 per hour plus transportation time for 30 miles one way.
   (b) two miners will be needed and are available in this area. I will work as top man and substitute as miner when needed.

(purchase)

(c)

forge	$25.00
acetalene gauages and hoses	50.00
acetalene and oxygen tanks	25.00
anvil	15.00
track spikes	36.00
1" air hose 50 ft.	45.00
½" water hose 50 ft.	30.00
nails	10.00
spikes	19.00
shovels	28.00
picks	26.00
hammers	12.50
lights etc,	45.00
ore car	30.00

(d) (purchase)

16# rail-1000 ft.	$100.00/ton
2" air pipe-500 ft.	175.00
1" water pipe-500 ft.	100.00
water pump	150.00
storage tank	75.00
fan bag-500 ft.	150.00
steel-6 ft.	87.00
bits 1½" tapered	212.50
Jack hammer (used)	400.00
mucking machine (used)	1,500.00
powder	1,161.00
fuse	184.00
caps	67.50
vice	90.00
gas (compressor)	400.00
oil (motor)	75.00
compressor oil	100.00
(rent)	
compressor	$350.00/month

(e) none

(f) compressor building at mine. Estimate $350.00 materials and $350.00 labor

(g) repairs-estimate-$1,000.00
analytic reports-estimate- $450.00
accounting-estimate-$1,408.00
I do not know at present what the payroll tax would be.

September 19, 1969

Willard P. Puffett
Field Officer, OME
Region I

Dear Mr. Puffett:

In response to your letter of Sept. 11, re: Lucky Strike-Bull Moose Claims.

1. map is enclosed.

2. I am enclosing some assay data I have located since I submitted my application. I thought these would be sufficient to prove the metal content of the veins.

3. Estimates for bulldozer work:

(a) James Gillis-D7-$30.00 per hour plus transportation one way.
(b(Al Loobey-D8-$40.00 per hour plus transportation one way.
(c) Pat McDonald-$35.00 per hour plus transportation one way.

These are located in the Philipsburg area and are available at the present time. The first estimate I gave you was for Montana Products Co. and their equipment is tied up at present.

4. Current wages are $26.05 and miners are available from this area at present.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Bentz

Harry Bentz
rt 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

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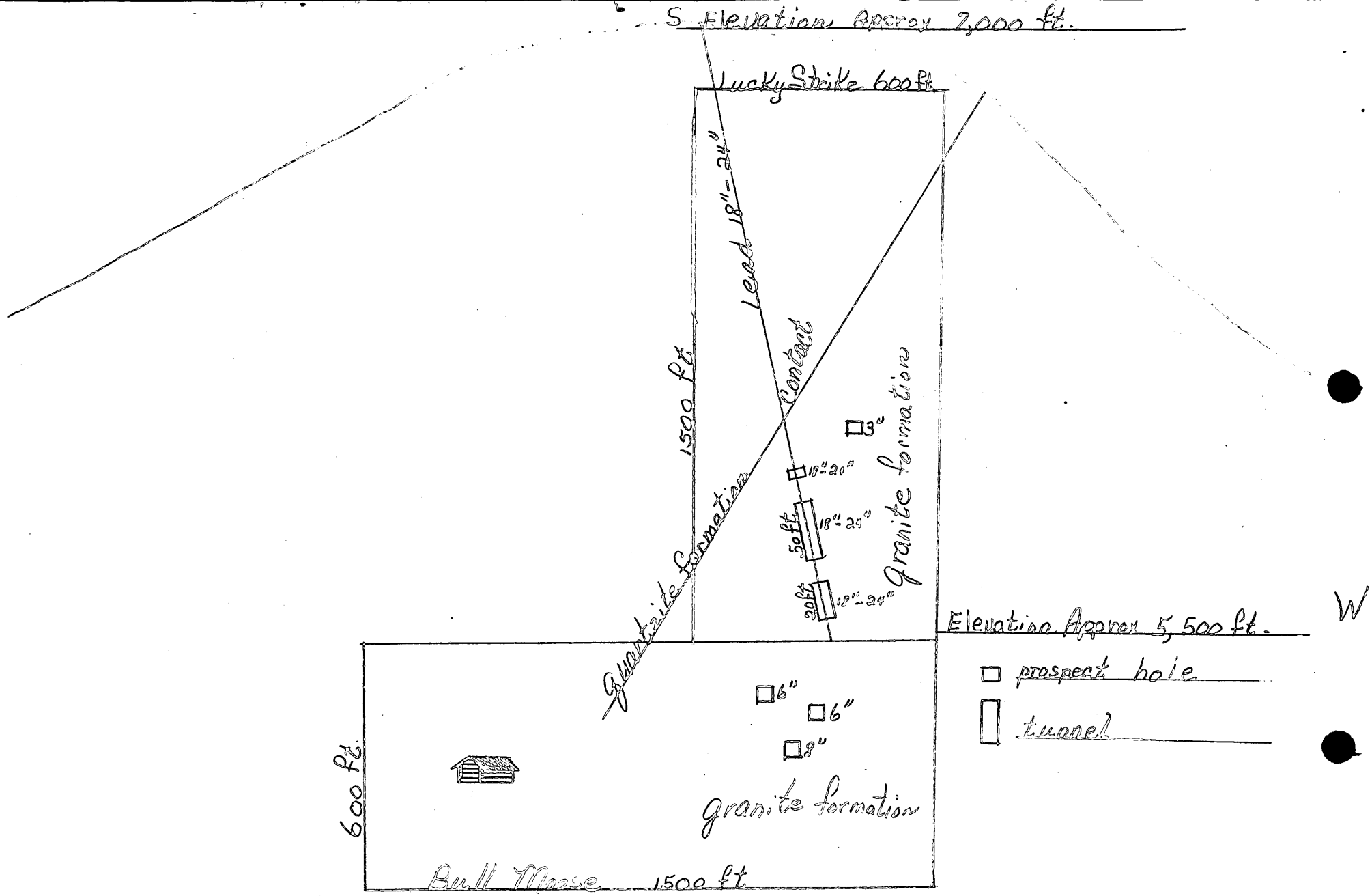

Lucky Strike & Bull Moose Claims.
Proposed work to start at lower tunnel.

N.

GOODALL BROTHERS

ESTABLISHED 1909

ASSAYERS

HORACE HAND, OWNER MANAGER
RES. PHONE 406/442-0696

PHONE 406/442-3770
46 SOUTH MAIN ST.
P. O. BOX 537
HELENA, MONTANA 59601

Helena, Montana, JUL 2 6 1966

ASSAYED FOR

Harry Bentz Jr.

HAND SAMPLE

DESCRIPTION	GOLD OZS. PER TON.	SILVER OZS. PER TON	WET LEAD PER CENT	COPPER PER CENT	ZINC PER CENT	INSOL. PER CENT	PER CENT	PER CENT	
4294	Trace	1.0		0.5					
Lead [illegible] 24"									

*Gold not deducted

Charges $ 6.00 5.00 Paid

GOODALL BROS.

By Horace Hand

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WEST 222 MISSION AVENUE
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99201

Spokane Office of Mineral Resources
October 21, 1968

Mr. Harry Bentz
R.F.D.
Phillipsburg, Montana 59858

Dear Mr. Bentz:

The Bureau of Mines petrographic laboratory at Albany, Oregon, reports the presence of molybdenite in the sample you recently submitted.
Lead in ditch 24"

The Spokane Office of Mineral Resources of the Bureau of Mines is interested in obtaining all available data on mineral deposits in the four Northwestern States. We feel that any recorded information may be of vital importance in the future for sustaining and developing the mining industry. Your assistance in compiling this record will be greatly appreciated.

It would be appreciated if you would complete and return the enclosed Statement of Facts form. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. This information will be used to augment our file of strategic mineral deposits in the Northwest. It will be kept confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth D. Baber

Kenneth D. Baber, Assistant Chief
Spokane Office of Mineral Resources

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

P. O. BOX 70
ALBANY, OREGON 97321

October 10, 1968

P-12387

Mr. Harry Bentz
R.F.D.
Phillipsburg, Montana 59858

Dear Mr. Bentz:

Your quartz crystal received September 25, 1968 would not be of the high quality or size necessary for radio quartz.

Your concentrate sample is a black sand consisting essentially of magnetite with small amounts of altered magnetite, quartz, sphene and ferromagnesian silicates and very small to trace amounts of altered pyrite, rutile, and zircon.

Samples 1 through 6 are mineralogically similar with the essential mineral being quartz, some muscovite-sericite and small amounts of limonite.

Sample 7 is essentially quartz with some sericite and molybdenite and small amounts of limonite. Lead width 24 inches

Sample No. 8 is a quartz crystal.

Molybdenite is an important ore mineral of molybdenum metal. In our opinion your sample 7 may be of commercial value if it occurs in large tonnage and can be economically mined. You may wish to contact one or more of the possible buyers on the attached sheet in regard to their current interest in molybdenum ores.

Enclosed for your information is a preprint of the "Quartz Crystal" Chapter, Bureau of Mines Bulletin 630.

If it is convenient, we would appreciate several specimens of your quartz crystal for our study collection and mineral display. A franked, self addressed mailing label is enclosed for your possible use to this end. Thank you very much.

The Bureau of Mines is not permitted to make assays or chemical analyses for individuals or firms in competition with private laboratories; however, the Bureau does make free mineralogical examinations of a limited number of naturally occurring substances if submitted for that purpose. This examination, except in case of small concentrations of the precious metals, usually is sufficient to indicate the value of the material.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence L. Brown

Lawrence L. Brown
Geologist
Albany Metallurgy Research Center

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AIRMAIL

Mr. Harry G. Bentz
Route 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

Re: OME-6805 (Silver)
Harry G. Bentz
Lucky Strike-Bull Moose Claims
Granite County, Montana

Dear Mr. Bentz:

In accordance with your letter of November 17, 1969, the subject application is being withdrawn and placed in our inactive file.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo (gla)

Harold Kirkemo
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

cc: Director's Reading File
Mineral Resources
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OME Region I w/ cy incoming letter
Mr. Kirkemo

GLAult/a 12-3-69

November 17, 1969

Harold Kirkemo, Chief
Office of Mineral Resources

R.E. OME-6805 (Silver)
Harry G. Bentz
Lucky Strike - Bull Moose Claims
Granite County, Montana

Dear Mr. Kirkemo;

Please withdraw my application.
Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Harry G. Bentz

Harry G. Bentz
Rt1
Philipsburg, Mont.
59858

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AIRMAIL

NOV 7 1969

Mr. Harry G. Bentz
Route 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

Re: OME-6805 (Silver)
Harry G. Bentz
Lucky Strike-Bull Moose Claims
Granite County, Montana

Dear Mr. Bentz:

This is in reply to your letter dated October 28, 1969, inquiring if a definite answer could be given regarding your application for assistance to explore the Lucky Strike-Bull Moose property near Philipsburg, Montana.

We postponed processing recent applications because we had no definite information regarding availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1969. Appropriations were made in the past ten days, and we have now assessed our operating situation for the current year. Unfortunately, available funds are not sufficient to cover all of the contracts already drafted and awaiting execution and possible contracts that may be recommended after pending applications are processed. The possibility is remote that our funding situation will improve during the year.

Under this situation, first priority on our limited funds must be given to applications offering the best chances of discovering significant reserves of ore. Among the criteria considered in processing an application is the geologic probability of a significant discovery being made by the proposed work. The size and grade of a potential deposit are among the factors considered. The assay values of the single, unidentified sample reported in the assay certificate submitted with your application are not sufficient evidence that a significant deposit may be present. Samples and assays from each of the mineralized exposures would be necessary to determine the average value of the material sampled. With this information available you can obtain some idea of the tonnage and grade possibilities, and decide whether or not to commit additional sums of money for exploration and possible development.

This suggestion is offered only to assist you in evaluating your deposit, and is not intended to judge its potential. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for you to engage the services of a consulting geologist or mining engineer to assist you in this work.

We regret, therefore, that your application cannot be acted upon favorably at this time, and suggest that you consider withdrawing it. Should there be an improvement in our funding situation, you could reactivate the application by submitting new information to reestablish your financial eligibility and furnishing any new geological, sample, and assay data obtained from a more thorough study of the property.

Please advise us whether or not you wish to withdraw the application.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo (gla)

Harold Kirkemo
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

cc: Director's Reading File
Mineral Resources
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OME Reading File
OME Region I
Mr. Kirkemo

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TO:	DATE	INITIALS
1. Chief, OME	11/5/69	
2. OME-6805 (Silver)		
3. ~~Re: Bentz, #Harry G.~~ Lucky Strike-Bull Moose Claims ~~Granite County, Montana~~		
4.		
5. Field Officer ~~Region I~~	WM	
FROM:		

FOR: Check items for action desired

X Action ____ Reply for signature of ____
____ Approval ____ Investigate ____ Surname
____ Comment ____ Recommendations ____ Signature
____ Conference ____ Rewrite ____ File
____ Instructions ____ Your information

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REMARKS: This letter should probably be best answered by your office.

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U.S. SPOKANE WASH

Philipsburg, Montana
October 28, 1969

Dear Sirs,

I am wondering if there is any way I could get a definite answer as to how long it will take to get OME-6805 processed.

I usually leave here in December and return in early spring because of the winter but if the loan is approved, I will remain at the mine to start exploration work.

If you can give me any information on this, I will appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Bentz

HARRY Bentz, OME-6805
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Philipsburg, Mont. 59858

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September 29, 1969

Mr. Harry G. Bentz
Route 1
Philipsburg, Montana 59858

Subject: OME-6805

Dear Mr. Bentz:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated September 5, 1969, submitted to our office at Spokane, Washington, has been assigned Docket No. OME - 6805.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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