Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON: Black Warrior Mine
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Okanogan National Forest No. 57
Beside the waterfall on the West side of the mouth of Horseshoe Creek
CITY OR TOWN: Sanchez
North Cascades National Park
STATE: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object
OWNERSHIP
- Public
- Private
- Both
STATUS
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
- Yes:
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Park
- Museum
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: George B. Markle
STREET AND NUMBER: 227 E. Brond
CITY OR TOWN: Hazelton
STATE: Pennsylvania

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Division of Mines and Geology
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Olympia
STATE: Washington

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: None
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
The Black Warrior mine, in Horseshoe Basin, North Cascades National Park, is an excellent example of the mining era in this region. Dug in solid rock at the base of the cliffs surrounding Lower Horseshoe Basin, the tunnel extends back into the mountain an unknown distance before branching to form a crude T.

The entrance, bordered on one side by a waterfall, is about 20 feet wide and perhaps 15 feet high. It immediately opens up into two rooms carved into the rock. One of these served as a kitchen and mess; the other contained the tools and work benches of the miners. The adit runs directly between the two, and is a tunnel about 10 feet wide and perhaps 8 feet high, although somewhat irregular. A few feet in, say 50, another "room" opens off the tunnel, possibly used to store goods. The rails of a small hand-cart railroad extend along the adit. These are in a state of disrepair, the light metal being twisted.

A large amount of trash and miner's equipment lies about the opening. This trash will eventually be cleaned up. Outside the entrance are tailings, the reddish rock being in contrast to the undisturbed rock and vegetation in the vicinity.

The ore mined here was galena, which in addition to lead, contained silver and traces of copper.

The discovery of this mineral deposit was made in 1891 by Albert Pershall and M. M. Kingman. By 1892, Donald Ferguson was owner of the claim. Geo. B. Markel apparently owned the patent from 1905 to 1946. Since then the Black Warrior Mining Company had had the mine. Operations at this mine ceased in the 1950's.

Boundary: NE ¼ Sec. 32, T 35 N, R 14 E, at upper end of Lower Horseshoe Basin.
The discovery of the Black Warrior claim in 1891 by Robert Pershall and M. M. Kingman, two well known prospectors in the North Cascades, marked the beginning of considerable prospecting in Lower and Upper Horseshoe Basins as well as in the adjacent areas. It was the second discovery in the Stehekin drainage, the first being the Quien Sabe claim on nearby Doubtful Lake in 1886.

Ownership changed hands several times until, in 1946, the Black Warrior Mining Company, Spokane, Washington, acquired control. The mine was active off and on down to the 1950's. It is inactive today.

Although it ranks among the mines in North Cascades National Park that were most highly developed, the Black Warrior does not seem to have been a particularly rich body of ore.

Its significance is not so much for its own history and certainly not for its production of wealth, but that it is representative to a high degree of the mines and mining techniques once widely spread over large sections of today's North Cascades National Park. It and the other claims resulted in the thorough exploration of this area; they contributed greatly to the development of communication and transportation in these rugged mountains. They brought the first wave of national publicity to this parkland. And, not least, this mine demonstrates the effect of man's influence on his environment, and the results of this influence.

The mine is easily accessible to hikers and is a dramatic representative of the mines of the North Cascades, and the era they represent.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


E. N. Thompson, "North Cascades National Park, Basic Data Study"

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Erwin N. Thompson, Historian, and Laurin C. Huffman II

ORGANIZATION:
Pacific Northwest Region, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
4th & Pike Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle

STATE: Washington

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [x] Local [ ]

Name: John G. Hunter
Title: Director, Pacific Northwest Region
Date: August 31, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/15/72

ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/11/72
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|  | AND/OR HISTORIC: |  |
| 2. LOCATION | STREET AND NUMBER: |  |
|  | CITY OR TOWN: | North Cascades National Park |
|  | STATE: | Washington |
| 3. PHOTO REFERENCE | PHOTO CREDIT: | National Park Service |
|  | DATE OF PHOTO: | September, 1969 |
|  | NEGATIVE FILED AT: | North Cascades National Park |
| 4. IDENTIFICATION | DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. | Looking north toward mine entrance. |
Black warrior mine

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North Cascades National Park
Washington, Chelan County

PNR # GL22-4A