

Mr. Vic Atiyeh
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Governor Atiyeh

July 13, 1998

Dear Governor,

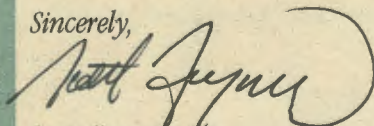
Greeting from Opal Creek! I am sorry you were unable to attend the Paul G. Allen Forest Protection Foundation grant announcement last week. I was looking forward to meeting you. The reason I am writing to you is because Friends of Opal Creek needs to remove a cloudy title on the mineral interest for the Stony Ridge property to be transferred from Friends to the U.S. Forest Service as part of the 1996 Omnibus Parks and Recreation Act creating the Opal Creek Wild and Scenic Area.

The issue of cloudy title was identified by the Ticor Title Insurance Co. which maintains that the mineral reservation for Amcol in the original deed from Amcol to Cascadia Logging Co., is a cloud on the current title held by Friends. Thus, this reservation makes Amcol the last Corporation to hold mineral interest for Stony Ridge. In our investigation of this now defunct corporation (Amcol), it came to our attention that you were a principle shareholder (is this true?), and were involved in the transfer of title from Amcol to Shiny Rock Mining Company. This information was gained through a conversation with George Atiyeh. Because of this cloud, Friends is unable to complete the transfer as the USFS is unable to accept land that is encumbered in such a manner.

Therefore, I am informing you of Friends' wish to remove the encumbrance on the Stony Ridge title. Enclosed is the Notice of Lapse required to be published in a local paper (Statesman Journal) in order for Friends to remove cloudy title as per the Dormant Mineral Rights statute ORS 517.180. In the meantime, I am still trying to track down the deed of transfer from Amcol to Shiny Rock. This letter is to put you on notice of our intent to remove the cloud on title. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding this issue or any other. I can be reached at 503.897.2921.

Thank you so much for your time and effort concerning this matter. Again, I am sorry to have missed you last week but I look forward to doing so in the future.

Sincerely,



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Friends of Opal Creek - Executive Director

Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF LAPSE
For a Dormant Mineral Interest
Located in Marion County, Oregon
(ORS 517.180)**

1. Current Mineral interest as shown on record:

AMCOL MINING AND MILLING CO.

2. Recording information for the document creating mineral interest:

County: Marion

Name of Record: AMCOL Mining and Milling Co.

Volume: 565

Page: 610

Date: March 6, 1962 Recorded: November 13, 1962

Type of Document: Warranty Deed

3. Description of the land affected by the mineral interest:

The Black Prince, King No.4, and The Princess Load designated as Mineral Survey No.887 Oregon, embracing a portion of Sections 29 and 32, Township 8 South, Range 5 East, Willamette Meridian in the Mineral Harbor Mining District, Marion County, Oregon, the said claim being more particularly described in the official field notes and depicted on the official plat of said Mineral Survey to which reference is made, and as more particularly described in United States Land Patent No. 1174522 recorded June 29, 1978, in Reel 130, page 33, Records for Marion County, Oregon.

4. Name and Address of person giving this notice:

Scott Fogarty, Executive Director - Friends of Opal Creek

33435 Little North Fork Rd., Lyons, OR 97358

5. Date of first publication:

6. Statement to the Current Holder of the Mineral Interest:

The holder of the mineral interest or their heirs or assigns, must submit a statement of claim to the county clerk within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication, or the mineral interest of the holder may be extinguished (ORS 517,170 (5)(f)) and may become the property of the person sending this notice by operation of law.