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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1974 I. NAME COMMON Black Warrior Mine AND/OR HISTORIC: 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: OKanoga, National Forest Nof Stelechin Beside the waterfall on the West side of the mouth of Horseshoe 5 tehekin we. North Cascades National Park COUNTY: CODE CODE Washington 53 Chelan 009 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Public Yes: ☐ District ■ Building Public Acquisition: Occupied □ Restricted ☐ Site Structure Private ☐ In Process 🕱 Unoccupied ▼ Unrestricted A Both Being Considered ☐ Object Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural ☐ Government ▼ Park ☐ Transportation Comments Commercial T Industrial ☐ Private Residence Other (Specify) Educational Military Religious ☐ Entertainment Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY - 1:3 G. 77. OWNER'S NAME: George B. Markle STREET AND NUMBER: 227 E. Brond CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Hazelton Pennsylvania 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Division of Mines and Geology STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE **Olympia** 53 Washington 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: ENTRY None DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County ☐ Local DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE DATE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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 & Sec. 32, T 35 N, R 14 E, at upper end of Lower Horseshoe Basin.



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PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)		
☐ Pre-Columbian	16th Century	☐ 18th Century	20th Century
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.



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