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Request of: FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE LAND TRUST



**WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

Attn: Dan Bell

205 Oak St., Suite 17

Hood River, OR 97031

**DOCUMENT TITLE(S)**

Notice of Intention to File a Claim of Abandonment and Extinguishment of Mineral Interest

**REFERENCE NUMBER(S)** of Documents assigned or released:

Book M, Page 65

Book R, Page 11

☐ Additional numbers on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

**GRANTOR(S):**

Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

☐ Additional names on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

**GRANTEE(S):**

John F. Sweeney and wife Mary E. Sweeney;  
Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company

☐ Additional names on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (Abbreviated: i.e. Lot, Block, Plat or Section, Township, Range, Quarter):

Portion of Government Lot 5 of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 8 East of the  
Willamette Meridian

☐ Complete legal on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

**TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S):**

03-08-31-0-0-1100-00

☐ Additional parcel numbers on page \_\_\_\_\_ of document.

The Auditor/Recorder will rely on the information provided on this form. The staff will not read the document to verify the accuracy or completeness of the indexing information.

**Return Address:**

Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
205 Oak St. #17  
Hood River, OR 97031

**Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Intention to File a Claim of Abandonment and  
Extinguishment of Mineral Rights**

I, Daniel Bell, hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am the Director for Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust, which owns real property described as:  
A tract of land located in Government Lot 5 of Section 31, Township 3 North; Range 8 East of the Willamette Meridian, Skamania County, State of Washington. Tax Parcel Number: 03-08-31-0-0-1100-00
2. I have authority from Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust to file this Affidavit.
3. I am over the age of 18 years and am otherwise competent to testify.
4. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this Affidavit.
5. Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust has owned this property since December 2019.
6. The Mineral Interest was created by Mineral Reservations contained in Deeds recorded in Skamania County in Book M, Page 65 in 1909 and Book R, Page 11 in 1919. The Mineral Interest holders of record are John F. Sweeney and wife Mary E. Sweeney; and Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company, a Washington corporation.
7. Per communications with the previous landowner, mineral interests on this property have been unused for a period of more than twenty years.
8. I exercised due diligence in attempting to identify the current mineral interest owner by inquiry with the Skamania County Assessor, review of the title report pertaining to the subject property and other methods outlined below.
9. On or about March 10, 2020 I contacted the Skamania County Treasurer's office to find the last known address for John F. Sweeney, Mary E. Sweeney and/or Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company. No address was found.
10. On or about March 12, 2020 I searched the Skamania County Assessor's records to find the last known address for John F. Sweeney, Mary E. Sweeney and/or Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company. No address was found.
11. On or about March 12, 2020 I searched the Washington Department of Revenue's on-line records for John F. Sweeney, Mary E. Sweeney and/or Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company. No records were found.
12. On or about March 12, 2020 I searched the Washington Secretary of State's on-line records for Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company. No records were found.

13. On or about March 12, 2020 I searched for Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company on Google, Bing and other internet search engines. No results were found.
14. On or about March 13, 2020 I searched the on-line records of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management's "Land & Mineral System" database for Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company. No address was found.
15. On or about April 13, 2020 I spoke with Julie Mathany of Carson, WA. According to Ms. Mathany, who is a member of the extended Sweeney family, both John F. and Mary E. Sweeney are deceased. To the best of her knowledge, Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company is no longer in existence.
16. On May 12, 2020 I repeated all of the searches enumerated in Items 10-14. No address or additional information was found.
17. Pursuant to RCW 78.22.050, I published a "Notice of Intention to File a Claim of Abandonment and Extinguishment of Mineral Interest" in the Skamania County Pioneer, a newspaper of general circulation in Skamania County. The publication was printed for three weeks starting on April 1, 2020 through April 15, 2020. The Affidavit of Publication and copy of Notice is attached as Exhibit 1.
18. To this date, no owner or potential owner has come forward and claimed ownership of said mineral rights.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2020

Daniel Bell

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Director

Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

State of Washington

County of Skamania

Signed and affirmed before me, this 14th of May, 2020 by Daniel Bell as Director of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust.

Betty Whitney

Signature

Printed Name: Betty Whitney

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington

My commission expires: 10-29-2020



EXHIBIT 1

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON }  
COUNTY OF SKAMANIA } SS

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he/she is an authorized representative of the 'SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER', a weekly newspaper, which has been established, published in the English language, and circulated continuously as a weekly newspaper in the City of Stevenson, and in said County and State, and of general circulation in said county for more then six (6) months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereto attached, and that the said Skamania County Pioneer was on the 7th day of July, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said Skamania County, and that the annexed is true copy of the notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Skamania County Pioneer which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period.

The annexed notice, a

Notice of Intention to file a claim of  
Abandonment & Extinguishment of Mineral  
Interests April 1, 8 & 15, 2020  
was published on

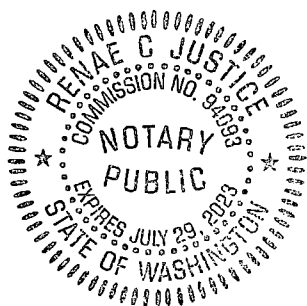
The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum  
of \$ 212.94

Melissa McAllister  
Newspaper Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17th day of April, 20 20

Renee C. Justice  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Washington



### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FILE A CLAIM OF ABANDONMENT AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF MINERAL INTERESTS

Legal notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 78.22.050, that the surface owner of the real property below intends to file a claim of abandonment and extinguishment of mineral interests upon the expiration of a period of sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this notice unless the current mineral interest owners file a statement of claim of mineral interest in the form prescribed in RCW 78.22.040. This Notice is given because the mineral interest has not been used for more than twenty years.

1. The name and address of the Owner of the mineral interest is as follows ("Mineral Interest Owners"): John F. Sweeney and wife Mary E. Sweeney, and Columbia Gold and Copper Mining Company, a Washington corporation. The address of the Mineral Interest Owners is not on record and is not known to the surface landowner giving this notice.

2. The mineral interest held by the Mineral Interest owner was created by Mineral Reservations contained in Deeds recorded in Skamania County, Washington under Book M, Page 65 on October 14, 1909 and Book R, Page 11 on January 23, 1919.

3. The legal description of the land affected by the mineral interest: A tract of land located in Government Lot 5 of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 8 East of the Willamette Meridian. Also known as Skamania County Parcel 03-08-31-0-0-1100-00.

4. The surface owner of the affected property is: Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust, 205 Oak St. #17, Hood River, OR 97031.

Published in the Skamania County Pioneer  
April 1, 8 & 15, 2020.