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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: MARCH MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

COCHISE COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 146

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 20 S RANGE 27 E SECTION 12 QUARTER S2  
LATITUDE: N 31DEG 42MIN 06SEC LONGITUDE: W 109DEG 32MIN 30SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: SWISSHELM MOUNTAIN - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

ZINC

SILVER

LEAD

COPPER OXIDE

GOLD LODE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

KEITH, S.B., 1973, AZBM BULL. 187, P. 71

ADMMR MARCH MINE FILE

MARCH MINE

COCHISE

Bob Torkelson, March mine, came in office and said he shipped a truckload to Excell Minerals; no return yet. GWI WR 5/20/75

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I drove to the Swisshelm Mts. and examined the March mine. There has been no recent activity in this area. VBD WR 1/27/76

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Mine visit - March mine. GWI WR 10/8/76

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MG WR 9/30/83: Two truckloads of hand sorted galena ore from the March mine, Cochise County were shipped in 1981 to ASARCO at El Paso. The smelter reportedly paid for 47 oz/ton silver in one truck and 48 oz/ton silver in another.

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MG WR 1/17/86: Mr. S.J.J. "Jiggs" Murphy of Sunizona, phone 824-3349, or to leave message, 824-3652, reports that three different geophysical surveys and core drilling were done on the March Property (Cochise Co) in 1984-85. The core reportedly contains ore but it has not been assayed.

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MARCH MINE

COCHISE COUNTY

J. F. Rybom, Box 137, Elfrida, reported that the March Mine closed down some time ago. Mr. Rybom stated that he might be interested in applying for a lead-zinc subsidy. He was furnished with application blanks for this purpose. ALJ WR 9-15-62.

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Chance Mine. Talked to F. F. Rybom. GWI WR 2/9/72.

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Mine visit at March mine under lease to Bob Torkelson and others. They have put ladders down incline shaft. Not working day of visit. SWI WR 11/26/74.

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Mine visit at March mine; talked to Mr. Torkelson, one of the operators. They are shipping to Ex Cell Minerals, Santa Barbara. GWI WR 3/19/75.

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**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

Mineral Building, Airgrou...ds

Phoenix, Arizona

*Abstracted 12/22/80  
Tpd*

1. Information from: Mine visit, Dec 12, 1980
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mine: March 3. No. of Claims - Patented \_\_\_\_\_  
Unpatented 9
4. Location: Swisshelm Mtns., Cochise Co., Az
5. Sec \_\_\_\_\_ Tp \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Mining District \_\_\_\_\_
7. Owner: MPM Mining & Exploration Co.
8. Address: 4651 N. First Ave., Suite 103, Tucson, Az 85718; phone 888-4970
9. Operating Co.: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
11. President: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Gen. Mgr.: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Principal Metals: lead & silver 14. No. Employed: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Mill, Type & Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Present Operations: (a) Down  (b) Assessment work  (c) Exploration   
(d) Production  (e) Rate \_\_\_\_\_ tpd.
17. New Work Planned: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Misc. Notes: Property has several pieces of heavy equipment, including Gardner-Denver air compressors, trucks, and small cat. dozers. Mine adit is blocked with locked doors. Small ore piles  
a Mr. H. Wm. Lyle (phone 888-4970), a lawyer in Tucson representing MPM, told me that some 5-pound samples of ore (chiefly silver-bearing galena) were sent to ASARCO in El Paso. If acceptable, they will ship their small stockpile to ASARCO.  
The adit has been completed (300 or 400 feet long) and short laterals have been driven on the "vein" structure - which consists actually of small stringers.

Date: 12-15-80

Michael N. Greeley  
(Signature) (Field Engineer)

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds  
Phoenix, Arizona

1. Information from: Mr. Samuel Jessie James Murphey at mine site on April 18, 1979.  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mine: March 3. No. of Claims - Patented \_\_\_\_\_  
Unpatented \_\_\_\_\_

4. Location: Swisshelm Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona

5. Sec \_\_\_\_\_ Tp \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Mining District \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Address: 4651 N. First Avenue, Suite 103, Tucson, Arizona 85718, phone (602)  
888-4970

9. Operating Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. President: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Gen. Mgr.: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Mill, Type & Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

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(d) Production  (e) Rate \_\_\_\_\_ tpd.

17. New Work Planned: \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Misc. Notes: See previous reports.

Mr. Murphey is the "General Manager" and represents the  
first "M" in the company name. The "P" stands for Pacheco.

Company has nine (9) claims and some state ground. They  
are driving an adit approximately 300 feet southwest to intersect ground  
about 100 feet below bottom of main shaft. Shaft is 65 feet deep. Adit  
is in 180 feet. Another adit has been put in on other side of hill; it  
intersected one good silver-bearing vein.

Adit is contracted to Jack Pursely and son Ross for \$100/ft  
with rail.

Date: May 16, 1979

(Signature)

Michael N. Greeley

(Field Engineer)

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine : March Mine

Date September 13, 1962

District Swisshelm District, Cochise Co.

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from J.F. Rydbom.

References: Report of January 12, 1961.

Present Mining Activity: Mine was closed down in April. Mr. Rydbom is now working at the Chance mine repairing some of the timbers in the vertical shaft.

Proposed Plans: Mr. Rydbom said that he might be interested in applying for a lead-zinc subsidy and the engineer gave him information and application blanks on same. If he applies for the subsidy and it is approved by the General Services Administration then he will resume mining operations at the March mine.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine March Mine

Date January 12, 1961

District Swisshelm District, Cochise Co.

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from J. F. Rydbom.

Location: In the Swisshelm Mountains. Sec. ~~30~~<sup>12</sup> - T ~~19~~<sup>20</sup> S - R 28 E. A short distance NW of the Chance & Scribner Mines.

Number of Claims: 3 unpatented claims, located in March, 1957.

Owner & Operator: J. F. Rydbom, Box 137, Elfrida, Ariz.

Principal Minerals: Lead, Silver and Gold.

Present Mining Activity: Mining ore and shipping to the A.S. & R. smelter at El Paso, Texas. 3 men working. Production 20 to 30 tons per month.

Geology & Mineralization: Limestone replacements in the bedding planes of the limestone.

Ore Values: Operator would not disclose the shipment returns, except to state that it was high grade lead ore, with a maximum of 19 oz. of silver to the ton.

Ore In Sight & Probable: No appreciable amount of ore in sight, as the operator stopes out the ore as he goes down on the bedding plane in the limestone.

Milling & Marketing: Direct shipments to smelter.

Past History & Production: No past history or production.

Old Mine Workings: No old mine workings.

New Mine Workings: Shaft being sunk at a steep angle (about 80°) on the limestone bedding plane is now down to depth of 70 ft.

Review of Recent Operations: Operator reports that, since he started stoping ore last April, he has shipped 3 carloads of ore to the A.S. & R. smelter at El Paso. The ore is hoisted up the incline shaft, and the ore cars are then lowered by a cable car arrangement down a steep hill to the ore bin near the bottom.

Proposed Plans: Operator plans to sink the shaft an additional 50 ft., and then drift SE towards the ore bin. If the ore continues, he will break through to the surface just above the ore bin.

Additional: J. F. Rydbom also owns the Chance Mine (now idle), and also has a lease on the Swisshelm Mines (also idle). No work at these properties is being planned at the present time.

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Active Oct. 1961 -

Active Feb. 1962 - 3 men working.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINER RESOURCES  
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds  
Phoenix, Arizona

1. Information from: Mr. Samuel Jessie James Murphy at mine site on 4-18-79  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
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has been put in on other side of hill; it intersected one  
good silver-bearing vein.  
Adit is contracted to Jack Puseley and son Ross for  
\$100/ft with rail.

Date: 5-16-79

(Signature)

Michael W. Czelecy

(Field Engineer)

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine March Mine Date January 12, 1961  
District Swisshelm District, Cochise Co. Engineer Axel L. Johnson  
Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from J. F. Rydbom.

Location: In the Swisshelm Mountains. Sec. 30 - T 19 S - R 28 E. A short distance NW of the Chance & Scribner Mines.

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Plan of Operation

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Plan evaluation and approval may require 30 days.

PROSPECTING PERMIT OR MINERAL LEASE NUMBER(S) 08-86440  
NAME IN WHICH ISSUED MPM Mining and Exploration Corporation  
NAME OF OPERATOR S. J. J. Murphree TELEPHONE 824-3349  
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR Box 185, Willcox, AZ 85643  
NAME OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE Same  
(If different than operator include address and telephone)

1) LAND DESCRIPTION AND MAP

Attach as Exhibit A to this Plan a topographic map of the referenced property.

County Cochise Township 20 S Range 27 E Section(s) 11

2) PERIOD OF OPERATION

The operation is proposed to begin on 6/21/86 and end on 6/20/87. If operations are proposed to exceed one year, an addendum to this plan must be filed prior to the plan expiration date.

3) ACCESS

Show on Exhibit A existing and proposed routes. Describe in detail the extent of all improved or newly constructed access. Note any locked gates.  
One-half mile of new road to be built. Refer to Exhibit A  
for more detail.

4) VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

List by type and size all vehicles and equipment which will be used in connection with the operation. Include the capacity of concentrators for placer operations.

Bulldozer, 4-wheel drive truck, drilling machine.

5) SCOPE AND TYPE OF OPERATION

Describe the type and extent of the operation to be performed. Include the estimated area of disturbance and provide detailed information for any earth moving or site clearance operations. For placer type exploration include the amount of material to be processed from each test site, and the dimension of test sites.

Estimated area of disturbance: 1/2 mile road and one drill site.

Detailed geological mapping and core drilling, road  
building mentioned above.

6) AFFECTED LAND

Indicate to the nearest 300 feet the location of all proposed prospecting sites (Exhibit A). If necessary complete Exhibit B or provide coordinate description (topographic grid or distance from section corner). For placer type exploration include the location of concentrators.

Coordinate description: Submit as an attachment.

7) DRILLING

For all drilling operations indicate the type of drilling operation, drilling medium (air, water e.g.), hole diameter, and proposed total depth.

* Hole I.D.	Total Depth	Hole I.D.	Total Depth	Hole I.D.	Total Depth
NX Core	250+ ft.				
NX Core	250+ ft.				
NX Core	250+ ft.	(possible)			

If drilling is anticipated indicate the method of plugging and abandonment. Indicate the marsh funnel viscosity if applicable.

Method of plugging -- cementing.

8) WATER USE

If the use of water is required, describe the location and quantity to be used. Possibly 500 gallons, exact amount unknown.

9) RECLAMATION

Describe actions taken to minimize environmental impacts and state plans for reclamation of disturbed areas. If applicable include measures for erosion control, recontouring, seed bed preparation, method of seeding, seed species, etc. Unless otherwise approved reclamation is to be completed within the approved plan period of one year.

Areas will be reseeded and roads will be abandoned and rendered useless to others.

10) ANTIQUITIES AND NATIVE PLANTS

If required, the applicant agrees to obtain archaeological clearance prior to the following surface disturbance:

- A. Prospecting Permit: All land surface affected by exploration activities including access roads.
- B. Mineral Lease: All acreage under application. The applicant will be directly contacted by the Arizona State Museum.

Archaeological clearance must be obtained through the Arizona State Museum.

\* Hole I.D. - Identification number

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PROSPECTING PERMIT OR MINERAL LEASE NUMBER(S) 08-86439

NAME IN WHICH ISSUED MPM Mining and Exploration Corporation

NAME OF OPERATOR S. J. J. Murphree TELEPHONE 824-3349

ADDRESS OF OPERATOR Box 185, Willcox, AZ 85643

NAME OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE Same  
(If different than operator include address and telephone)

1) LAND DESCRIPTION AND MAP

Attach as Exhibit A to this Plan a topographic map of the referenced property.

County Cochise Township 20 S Range 27 E Section(s) 10

2) PERIOD OF OPERATION

The operation is proposed to begin on 6/21/86 and end on 6/20/87.  
If operations are proposed to exceed one year, an addendum to this plan must be filed prior to the plan expiration date.

3) ACCESS

Show on Exhibit A existing and proposed routes. Describe in detail the extent of all improved or newly constructed access. Note any locked gates.  
One-half mile of new road to be built. Refer to Exhibit A for more detail.

4) VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

List by type and size all vehicles and equipment which will be used in connection with the operation. Include the capacity of concentrators for placer operations.  
Bulldozer, 4-wheel drive truck, drilling machine.

5) SCOPE AND TYPE OF OPERATION

Describe the type and extent of the operation to be performed. Include the estimated area of disturbance and provide detailed information for any earth moving or site clearance operations. For placer type exploration include the amount of material to be processed from each test site, and the dimension of test sites.  
Estimated area of disturbance: 1/2 mile of road and one drill site.

Detailed geological mapping and core drilling, road building mentioned above.

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PROSPECTING PERMIT OR MINERAL LEASE NUMBER(S) 08-86438

NAME IN WHICH ISSUED MPM Mining and Exploration Corporation

NAME OF OPERATOR S. J. J. Murphree TELEPHONE 824-3349

ADDRESS OF OPERATOR Box 185, Willcox, AZ 85643

NAME OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE Same  
(If different than operator include address and telephone)

1) LAND DESCRIPTION AND MAP

Attach as Exhibit A to this Plan a topographic map of the referenced property.

County Cochise Township 20 S Range 27 E Section(s) 03

2) PERIOD OF OPERATION

The operation is proposed to begin on 6/21/86 and end on 6/20/87.  
If operations are proposed to exceed one year, an addendum to this plan must be filed prior to the plan expiration date.

3) ACCESS

Show on Exhibit A existing and proposed routes. Describe in detail the extent of all improved or newly constructed access. Note any locked gates.

One-half mile of new road to be built. Refer to Exhibit A for more detail.

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ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT,  
Nonrenewable Resources & Minerals

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PROSPECTING PERMIT OR MINERAL LEASE NUMBER(S) 08-86437  
NAME IN WHICH ISSUED MPM Mining and Exploration Corporation  
NAME OF OPERATOR S. J. J. Murphree TELEPHONE 824-3349  
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR Box 185, Willcox, AZ 85643  
NAME OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE Same  
(If different than operator include address and telephone)

1) LAND DESCRIPTION AND MAP

Attach as Exhibit A to this Plan a topographic map of the referenced property.

County Cochise Township 20 South Range 27 East Section(s) 2

2) PERIOD OF OPERATION

The operation is proposed to begin on 6/21/86 and end on 6/20/87.  
If operations are proposed to exceed one year, an addendum to this plan must be filed prior to the plan expiration date.

3) ACCESS

Show on Exhibit A existing and proposed routes. Describe in detail the extent of all improved or newly constructed access. Note any locked gates.

One-half mile of new road to be built. Refer to Exhibit A  
for more detail. MJK

4) VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

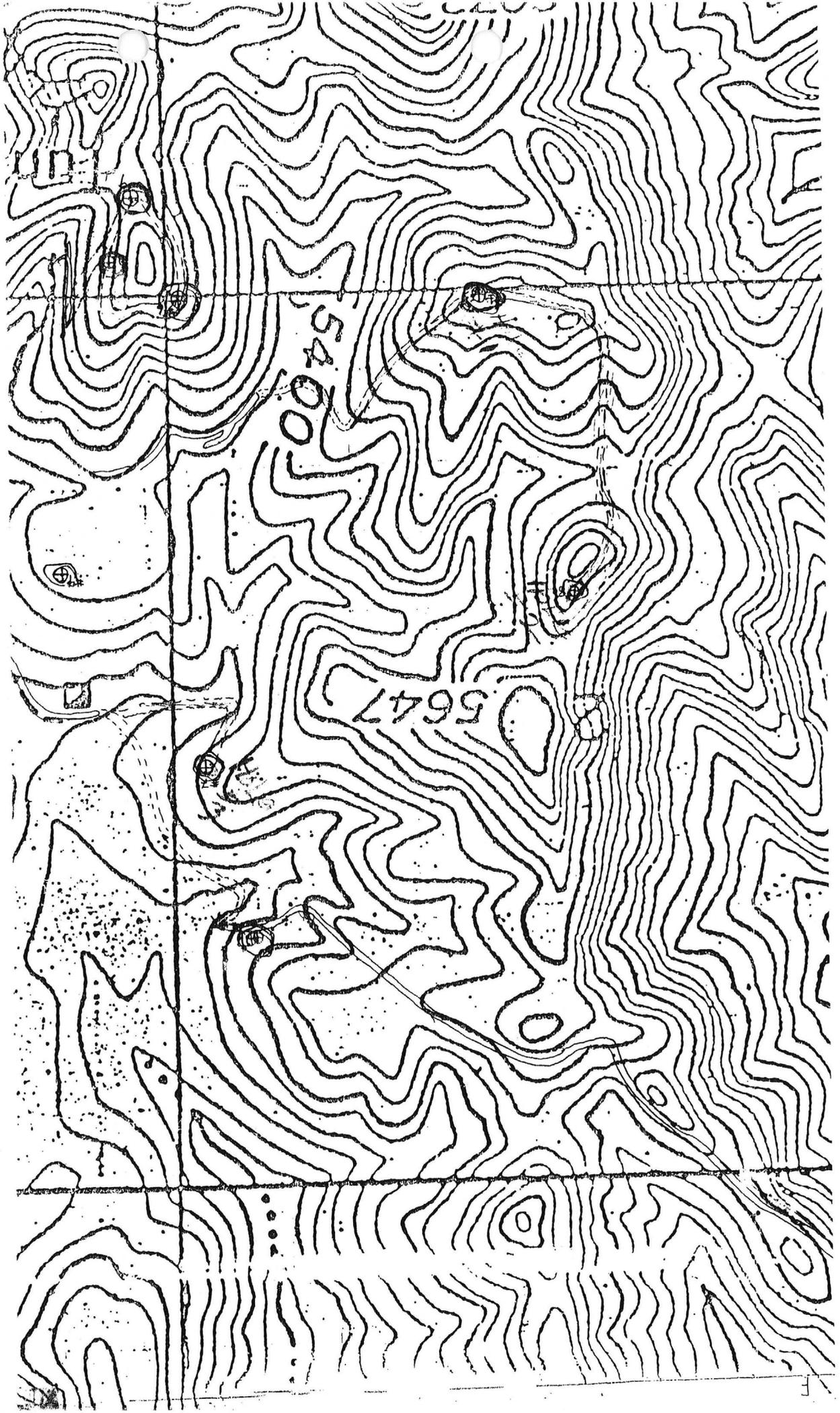
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