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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: RAINBOW FOREST MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

NAVAJO COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 209

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 16 N RANGE 23 E SECTION 3 QUARTER --
LATITUDE: N DEG MIN SEC LONGITUDE: W DEG MIN SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: PETRIFIED FOREST - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: ACTIVE

COMMODITY:
GEMSTONE PET. WOOD

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
ADMMR RAINBOW FORREST MINE FILE
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RAINBOW FOREST MINE

NAVAJO COUNTY

NJN WR 3/2/84: Contacted Mr. Patton at Patton and Sons Inc., Rainbow Forest Stone co., P O Box 908, Holbrook Arizona 86025, 524-3470. The Rainbow Forest Mine (my name) Navajo County, has been a family business since 1936. They mine there on an intermittent basis to supply their shops in Holbrook and at the south end of the Petrified Forest National Park. They also allow the public to dig and camp on their property. The charge for self dug material is 50 cents per pound. The mine is located on the southwest boundary of the park on private property.

NJN WR 11/21/86: Contacted Frank Wilbur of the St. Johns, 140 E. Commercial, Holbrook, Arizona Ph 337-4459 to discuss petrified wood produced in the Holbrook area. Most of the production comes from the Patton Quarries east of the Petrified National Park. Most mining at the Patton pit is less than 10' deep. When logs are identified they are uncovered with loaders and ditch witches. Patton (Rainbow Forest) is the largest producer. The last 2 years have been bad digging years. Much of Patton's material is sold in the rough to European and Japanese markets. There are 2 major lapidary shops producing polished material: St. Johns Rock Shop and J & M Lapidary. Together they employ about 8 people. Current wholesale prices for rough stone are 10 - 20 cents a pound. Mr. Williams estimates the area producers have an annual average of \$100,000 of mined product at wholesale prices. The production used to be much larger, but the depletion and the strong dollar has hurt sales. Estimates are that 50% of the current production is illegitimate.

KAP WR 6/26/87: Contacted Patton & sons to obtain information on their fee collecting at the Rainbow Forest Mine (file) Navajo County petrified wood property. Their fee is 50 cents a lb with a 25 lb minimum per vehicle. Dry camping is available at the locality.
