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want to get geologic publications, maps and search for more information on that site. One of the localities I went to in the late 1970's, at the time, had no mining claims. And there was "stuff" all over. But I was too ignorant to figure out where all the material was coming from. Smarter people than me filed claims, and now much of that area is all claimed and you certainly will NOT find it in any new guide books. But if you know how to look up claims which is all public information, you'll be able to realize that some areas are not claimed and are BLM land open to the public. And sure enough you can still find materials in these locations, although not nearly as plentiful as it once was. Also, outside of the claims in drainages where things wash down you can often find lots of interesting things. This book can be a guide book to semi-secret and otherwise lost locations. An opal mine that is now closed is shown on these maps. In all the modern guide books, that location is not shown because they knew it was closed to the public after claims were filed. But you'd never find it without looking at old guides like this. And now the mine is defunct and people have been going there. Just always inquire locally and don't get yourself in trouble for trespassing. And never go into open audits or shafts, they're a death trap in so many ways. Look at YouTube videos especially of search and rescue teams looking for missing persons in these shafts, and you'll see just how dangerous they are. Using this guide we entered a mine around about 1972. There was a very large tunnel large enough for a semi-truck and coming out of that tunnel was a very large and deep stream that was moving very fast. We walked back in about one-half a mile to find a huge central room with a very high ceiling. The water was coming from a hole in the top of that ceiling and we could see an old mining car stuck in the hole with the water gushing around it with great force. Further exploration found that the entire top of the mountain above this mine was gone, and it was perfectly flat with a huge pit in the middle...full of water. We realized we'd been underneath this very deep pit full of water about 200 feet across, and the mining car was in the bottom of that pit. The water was crystal clear and being fed by snow melt. As we walked across that flat we found a small hole about 12 inches across in which you could hear a very loud rushing of water. We walked out of there ever so carefully and I've never been in a mine since. Later near Denio, NV my co-workers and my boss went into a mine, while I protested and told my stories about dangerous mines, and stayed out at the entrance. They were gone a very long time. When they crawled out through the small entry hole I had to help them. They were in dire condition, their faces were brilliant red and they were hardly able to breath. After they got out their condition did not improve and I had to drive them to Winnemucca to the nearest hospital. They'd all been over exposed to toxic gases inside the mine and had barely made it out. The gases are heavy, and in walking you stir them up, and it's easy to walk in further than you can make it out alive. Safety first! Never go into abandoned mines.