

The Mining of the West

PROFIT & POLLUTION ON PUBLIC LANDS



P-I SPECIAL REPORT

Areas with abandoned mines

Past and present mining can be found on public land in the West, usually in mountainous areas where minerals are close the surface. These include the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, Utah, and Montana; the Sierra Nevada and Cascade and Coast ranges of California; and a number of mountain ranges in Arizona.

In Washington, most mining has occurred in the Cascades, the Kettle Range and the Selkirks. Most of the known mines are on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management turf.

KEY

- + Mine location
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of Defense
- Indian reservation
- Non-federal land

