

OREGON OBSIDIAN SOURCES

WEST MCKAY (UNKNOWN X)

ALTERNATE NAMES: Unknown X.

GEOCHEMICAL SOURCE: West McKay (Unknown X).

LOCATION - COUNTY: Deschutes.

ACCESS AND OWNERSHIP: Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Access may be limited by snow in winter months.

PREHISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: The Unknown X source was first identified as a significant local prehistoric obsidian source by Richard Hughes during large-scale trace element provenance studies conducted as part of the PGT-PG&E Pipeline Expansion Project (Skinner 1995a, 1995b). The source was eventually located in the McKay Butte area in 2009 and was renamed the West McKay (Unknown X) source at that time.

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