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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: AEOLIAN MONTEZUMA GROUP
ALTERNATE NAMES:
BLUE EAGLE PROSPECT
MONTEZUMA
PIMA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: ..... 507
LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 11 S RANGE 5 E SECTION 29 QUARTER C LATITUDE: N 32DEG 26MIN 10SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 53MIN 05SEC TOPO MAP NAME: SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS - 15 MIN
CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER
COMMODITY:
LEAD
COPPER
SILVER
GOLD ..... LODE
BIBLIOGRAPHY:
AZBM FILE DATA
RFC B-384ADMMR AEOLIAN MONTEZUMA GROUP
AZBM BULL 189 P. 142 DIST. REFERENCE APPLIES
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See: ABM Bukl. 180, p. 121, 136

See: ABM Bull. 129 p. 70 (Lakeshore)
Pima County MILS Index \#507
AKA: Blue EAgle Prospect, Montezuma
RFC B-384
Santa Rosa Mtns. Topo $15^{\prime}$ (included in file)


2 claims - Large gossan $4 \frac{1}{2} \% \mathrm{Cu}, 14 \mathrm{oz}$ 。Ag。 Several streaks cc. Originally located by Picone. These 4 partners picked out 12 claims out of 100 originally located by Picone before it became reservation. Locations now valid \& rent paid \$1.05 per claim to 1958. Assessment work done. FPK 3-5-57

AFOLIAN-MONTEZUMA GROUP<br>See: ABM Bukl. 180, p. 121, 136<br>See: ABM Bull. 129 p. 70 (Lakeshore)

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30 mi SW Casa Grande - 5 mi gE Indian village Komllik - N. end Black Hill Range or Black Mt. on Papago Reservation. Area of Lakeshore - $4 \frac{1}{2}$ mi due south of Lakeshore. Way S of old Vekol 10 to 12 mi . Unpatented, located in 1954 . One partner t s (Frank Picone) father, geologist located claims in 1910. Prospected \& shipped $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cars from 1 claim 20\% plus copper in 1921. Shut down in 1921 - shipped to Douglas; also shipped small lots from other places. 10 claims in aeolian - 2 more in Birthday group. Contact C.T. Tucker - coo Arizona Assay Office, 815 N. list Street, Phoenix ( 4 partners)

Picone sick for years - several sons - 2 mining engineers
property idle 1921 - 54.
Aeolian is vein system -2 geologists have said veins will close at depth. 3 veins on ridge near gully - then up a bit 3 more. About 8001 across veins or stringers. Probably over 1000 traceable length. Widest vein about $8^{\prime \prime}$, smallest $40^{\prime \prime}$. Malachite \& chryscolla; also mennonite. Samples 1 or $2 \%$ to 9.4 copper. Cleaned old hole - incl shaft about $15^{\prime \prime}, 25^{\prime \prime}$ wide $-8.4 \% \mathrm{Cu}-15^{\prime}$ tons outside \& some elsewhere all disappeared.
W. A. Clark carried certified check \& offered Picone $S_{r} \$ 65000$ - offered it for 3 years Ficone mad - tore up check. Clark wanted big sample over $20 \%$ copper. Can drive in with short wheel base car,

## United States Department of the Interior

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UNITED STATES
V.

LEE HESTERN, WNC. GARTE BLACK

Appeal from a decishon of Administrative law Judge Michael Lo Morehouse declaring Lnvalld the Aollan Nos. 1 through 10 lode mining claims. A 9847.

Affirmed as modified.

1. Mining Claime DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY--Time of Determination; DISCOVERY-Nature of Requirement-duty of mineral examiner゙-m extent of deposit-marketability requirement--profitabilityprudent man test-Proof-malntenance of discovery polate-Time of Dlacovery; INDLAN LANDS; LOCATABLE PUBLIC LANDS-Withdrawn Landeeffect of withdrawals-establishing valid claim-Indian lande: PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE-COnteste-burden of proof-determination of validity-evidence--prime facle casa.

Mineralization which only werrants further prospecting or exploration in an affort to ascertain whether ufficient mineralization might be Eound to justify mining or development does ${ }^{7}$, 1
 Where it is shown that a contestes does not have diacovery at the time of the heariug it $1 s$ not mecessary for contestant to establish invalidity by showing a lack of jiscovery at ${ }^{\text {tr }}$, the date of an earlier withdrawal from mineral location.
APPEARANCES: Albert H. Mackenzie, Eeq. Phoenix, Arizoda, for appellarts; Frite L, Goreham, Esqe, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Phoenix, Arizona, for contestamt.

UPINLON BY ADMLNISTRATIVE JUDGE HENRIQUES
The Uaited States, acting by and through the state jlfector for Axfzona, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and on behall of the Huteau. of Indian Affaits, issued contest complaints a 9838 , A 9846 , and A 9847 charging that as to the claims named therein and situated within the Papago Indian Reservation valuable oinerals have not been found within the limits of the mining claims so as to consticute a

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[1] The law of che case my be sumarized as follows:
Section 3 of the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Seat. 984,25 U.S.C. \$ 463, as amended by the Act of August 28, 1937, 50 Stat. 862, opened the Papago Indian Reservation to exploration, location, and entry under the mining law of the United Statem 30 U.S.C. 82 (1976). payment to the Rapago Tribe of a minimel minual rencal not to exceed 5 cencs par acre ses required for cach mining clalm located.

The Act of May 27, 1953. 69 Strt. 67, repealed the foregoing statutes lasofer an they rabated to mining claims in the Papago Indian Regarvation and declared all land within the Papago Indian Reservation so be withdrawn from explorarion, location, and encry undar the United Scates mining laws, but permitted exkbting valid mining claims to contiaus so long as they were manatained under the mining lawg of the United States.

It ic well cetablished that the sine gua nan for a valid mining clafa located on public land of the Uaited Staten is discovery, as the location of a mining claim conveys no rights to the clafmant until there is shown a discovery of valuable mineral deposit within the limits of the clad.m. 30 U.S.C. $\$ 23$ (1976). Where land occupied by a mining clatm has been withdrawn from operation of the mining lawe, the validity of the cladm must be tested by the value of the mineral deposit as of the date of the withdrawal. well as of the date of the hearing. United States $v$. Chappe11, 42 IBLA 74 (1979): United Stater v. Garner, 30 IBLA 42 (1977). © Under the somealled "prudent man test," discovery has bsen achieved when one finds a mineral deposit of such quantity and quslity that a person of ordinary prudence would be justified in the furcher expenditure of his labor and means with a reasonable prospect of success in developing a valuable mine. Cascle v. Womble, 19 L.D. 453 (1894), Capproved by the Supreme Court in Chrisman V. Miller, 197 U.S. 3.13 (1905), and followed consistenty Eherafter. Accord, Cole v. Ralph, 252 U.S. 28b (1920); Cameron v. United States. 252 U.5. 450 (1920); Eest v. Rumboldt Placer Mining Co., 371 U.S. 334 (1963); United Statas vo Coleman, 390 U.S. 599 (1968): didams v. Uniced States, 318 F .2 d 861 (9th Cir, 1963)e The "prudent man test has been complemented by the "marketability test" requiring a claimant to show that the mineral can be extracted, senoved, and marketed at a profit. United States v. Coleman, supra; Converse v. Udall, 399 F. 2 L 616 ( 9 th C1r. 1968), cert. denied, 393 U.S. 1025 (1969).

Mineralization that only warrants. further prospecting or exploration in an effort to ascestain whether suffictent mineralization might be found to justify mining or development does not consticute a valuable mineral deposit. A valuable mineral deposit has not heen sound simply because the facts ratght wartant a search for sucit a deposit. Barton V. Morton, 498 F.2d 288 ( 9 th Cir. 1974): Uniced States v.了orter, 37 [BLA 323 ( 1978 ). B Sinilarly, it 15 not enough that the minexa! vaites exposed justižy furcier exploration to futer-ine minther
For Footnotes see:
50 IBLA 106a

The Goverament ${ }^{\circ}$ case was presented by tertimony from John $E$. Kinaison, a consulting geologist working with Dr. C. L. Fair under coiscract $150 C 14209834$ whth the Bureau of Indian Affalrs. Kinnison stated that, in June 1976, he had diacussed the impending examinetion of the Aeolian miajug clakms with Garth Black, and had asked Black if he or representative wishod to point out the best mineral showings on the claims. Black declinad the invitation (Tr. 97). The examine tion of the daollan claims was made by Kinnison on July 28, 1976. He was assisted by Barton Cross ${ }^{\text {a }}$ a recistered mining engineer, and Dan Boyd, geologist from the graduate school of the Univeraity of Arizona.

Kinaiaor indicated that the claims were located on the ground by means of maps furnished by Black and idencified by the color-coded $4 x 4$ poscs at the coraers and location poines (Tr. 98). Kinnison Btated that the claime are in a granicold area, ranging from quartz diorite to a lighter granodiorite, with mozzonite dikes crossing. Mineralization was observed in narrow shear zones. Standard channel samples wer caken from mineralized zones in prospect pits or shafta, wherever possible. A descripition of the sampling is set out in Government's Exhibic 8, pp. 3-5:

Acollan No. 1: Samples LH-24 and LH-25: These two amples are channel samples from a prospect pit located $40^{\prime}$ southeast of the location post, which is in the exact center of the claim. LH-24 was a $28^{\prime \prime}$ channel across two narrow splite of a quartz-chlorite zone, in granodiorite, on the southwest wall of the pit. Liw-25 was a $13^{\prime \prime}$ channel cut across a single quartz chlorite zone whth minor chrysocolla, on the northeast wall. This main zone strikes N. $58^{\circ}$ E. and dips vertical. Pit was sunk through a thin layer of alluviuas into bedrock. Most of the claim is alluvial covered.

Aeallan No. 2: Sample LW-18: This claim was sampled with a $1.5^{\prime}$ channel cut frou a cross-cut trench located $100^{\prime}$. N. $02^{\circ} \mathrm{E}_{0}$ from the location post, which is in the exact center of the claim. The sample was cut across a sheeted zone with chrysoculla, striking $\mathrm{N} .58^{\circ} \mathrm{E}_{0}$, and dipping $75^{\circ}$ SE. The minerallzation could not be traced beyond the short trench ***.

Aeollan No. 3: Samples LW-22 and 23: These samples were channels cut from the front roof (or back) of a shot scub adit run just below the surface $* * *$. The two chan nels are continuous across a strongly sheeted zone in granodiorite with abundant chrysocolla; the zone strikes N. $46^{\circ}$ E. and is vercical. Lib-22 was cut 22" from the north wall to the center, and LW-23 was cut $21^{\prime \prime}$ from the center to the gouth wall of the mineralized zone. The samples are located $100^{\prime}$, S. $62^{\circ}$ E., from the southwest end center monument of the claim.
granodiorite with minor epldote. Beyond this hillslope, to the northeate, the clado is covered by alluvium. No prospect pite or signfflcant minerallation were found.

The results of assays of the sampies from the Aeolian claims shom in Government's Exhlbit 10 are:

| Sample | Aus pum | Ag ppa | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \\ & \mathrm{ppw} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | 0.28 | 45. | 20000 |
| 18 | 0.41 | 1.6 | 7800 |
| 19 |  |  | 90 |
| 20 |  |  | 720 |
| 21. |  |  | 4600 |
| 22 | 0.29 | 1.2 | 35000 |
| 23 | 0.10 | 4.4 | 35000 |
| 25 |  |  | 6300 |
| 26 |  |  | 24000 |
| 27 | 0.22 | 32. | 50000 |
| 28 |  |  | 255 |

Kinnision gtated that large copper mining operations involving willions of cons of blocked out ore are possible with lowar grade orem, but that the break even point for small operations in copper mining in Arizona is on the average of $5-1 / 2$ percent coppes, citing Harry E. Rsumlauf in Exploration and Development of Small Mines, Bulletin 264, Arizona lureau of litnes (1966). Knnison stated that the exposed veins in the Aeolian No. 3 and Acolian No. 9 approached the minimu value of copper, and he estimated some 500 cons of ore on each claim, basing this estimate on his pacing the exposed vein (Tr. 123). As the rock is not suitable for obtainirg a silica bonus from the smelter (the silica acts as a flux for which the smeltar makes additional payment), Kinnison observed that the small connage on the Aeolian No. 3 and Aeolian No. 9 probably could not be mined without expertencing a loss in excess of $\$ 12,000$ (Gov't Exh. 8). The showings on the remaining eight clatms of the Aeollan group were so meager, he felt, thet no prudent inan would proceed with further exploration or developrent.

On cross examination, Kinaison stated he had seen no other improvements than those he reported in ils writcen examination (Gov't Exh. 8) and maintained that he saw nothing to indicate a continuity of vein seructure through the clalms.

We agree with the Judge that the Government made a prime facie case of lack of discovery, but we would limit this showing to a lack of discovery as of the rime of the hearfing, rather than as of liay 27, 1955.
emphasized several times that the claims represented only a promising prospect (Tr. 323, 324, 327, 328, 330, 331, 343, 335).

As a Elrst charge of error, counsel for appellants quotes from the Judge's decision: "Thus, there is nothing in the record to show the valldity of the Aeolian claims as of the withdrawal date. Accordingly, they are daclared invalid." Counsel argues that thare is nothing in the record to show that the area occupied by the Acolian claims was withdram in 1955 or at any other time. Counsel apparently overm looked the contest complaint and the answer thereto by contestees. The first paragraph of the complaint reads: "The lands hereinafter described are within the boundaries of the Papago Indian Resarvation and were open to mineral eatry at date of sald location." Paragraph . one of the answar by contestees reads: "Admit the allegations contalned in paragraph one of Concessant's Complaint." In his opening remask at the hearing, Government counsel said, after a brief discussion of the Papago Indian Raservation and the closing of the reservation to wining location by the Act of May'27, 1955, "[I]t's the government's contarion that the contestee has to show a discovary as of May 27, 1955, at the time the reservation was [with]drawn from entry, well as a present discovery" (Tr. 8). At the opening of the testimony relating to the Aeolian group, Government counsel stated, "I'd Ilke to make che ame basic stacement that I made in the other one. The claims which are the subject of this contest $* * *$ are the Aeolian Lode Claims 1 [to] 10, the claimants are Lee Western, Inc., and Mr. Garth Black. These claims are located within the exterior boundaries of the Rapago Indian Reservation which was withdrawn from entry by Act of Congress on May 27. 1955" (Tr. 91). Counsel for contestees did not object to the statements of offer any contrary arguDent. Review of the transcript discloses the following colloquies with the witnesses, relative to the status of the deolian claims on the date of withdrawal of the Papago Indian Reservation from operation of the mining lawa, May 27, 1955.

JUDGE MOREHOUSE: NOW, as your opinion as to 1rvalidity, I take it that is both as of-this is as of May 27, 1955?

THE WITNESS [RINNISON]: I presume so. The clains' history and size is something ther I didn'r really go into. They're standard claims.

JUDGE MOREROUSE: WeIi, $t$ got the feeling that your opinion is as of the present tige. Is it not?

TiE WITMESS: Yes.
CDGE MOREHOLSE: Or the tiae you examined the claims.
THE MITNESS: Yes.

JUOGE MOREROUSE: Yeah. I wonder if he made any effort - to go back to 1955 and figure values as of that eime?

MR. BACKEN2IE: Did you do-uild you make any effort to ascertain the valuen in 1955 as-by that, I mean E15gt of all, the monatary vilue. It would be-of course thit would presuppose that you had come knowlege of the actual mineralenation in the seollan number 2 or may other claim as of 1955

TEE WITNESS: To answer your quastion spacifically, 80 , I did not rasearch the priormothe value at that time.

JUDGE MOREMOUSE: All right.
BY Mr. MACRENZIE:
Q. Now, we might stmplify that and ask you, have you made any antmate or calculations of the-of the value of the deposit on any of the Acolian aurbers a through 10 as of May, 1955?
A. No, I have not.
(Tr. 289, 290).
In any avent, where claimat doem not have a discovery of a valuable mineral deposit on mining claim at the time of a hearing on lands previously withdram from location, it is not essential for the Government to show a lack of discovery at the date of the withdrawal. United States v. Rige, 16 IBLA 385 (1974).

Appellant's second argument on appeal charges that the Government fell far short of establishing a prima facle case. Counsel cites testimony of the Govermment wieness from pages 233, 237, 246, and 247 of the transcript. The colloquy cited was given in connection with the 19 clatms in contest A 9846 , the Golden Hills group of claims, the invalidity of which the contestees have conceded. The cired colloquy had nothing to do with the Acolian group, the subject of this appeal. Councl's reference to the fact that the ten Aeolian claims uera examined by kinnison in only 1 day does not cause us to reverse the findlng below that a prima facie case has bean made by the Government. The courts have repestedly held that the oining claimant is the true proponent of the rule or order undex the Administratsue Procedure Act to the effect chat the proponent of the rule or order has the burder of proof. Thus, after the Government presents a prima facie case of invalidity of a mining location, the buxden of proof is on the claim ant to establish all requirements for a valid location. Hallenbeck v. Kleppe, supra; United States v. Springer, supra; Fostex v. Seaton, supra. Nor is the Government examiner required to perform discovery work for the cladmant or to explore or sample beyond areas exposed by
0) GFS(MIN) $54(1974)$

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Footnotes from 50 IbLA 97:
a) GFS(MIN) 59(1979)
b) GFS(MIN) 22(1977)
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d) GFS(MIN) JD-1(1968)
e) GFS(MIN) JD-2(1963)
f) GFS(MIN) JD-4(1968)
g) GFS(MIN) 114(1978)
Footnotes from 50 IBLA 98:
h) GFS(MIN) 100(1978)
i) GFS(MIN) 27(1973)
j) GFS(MIN) 1(1978)
k) GFS(MIN) 29(1976)
1) GFS(MIN) 101.(1973)
m) GFS(MIN) 9(1979)
n) GFS(MIN) 32(1976)
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