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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: LA BELLE LODGE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

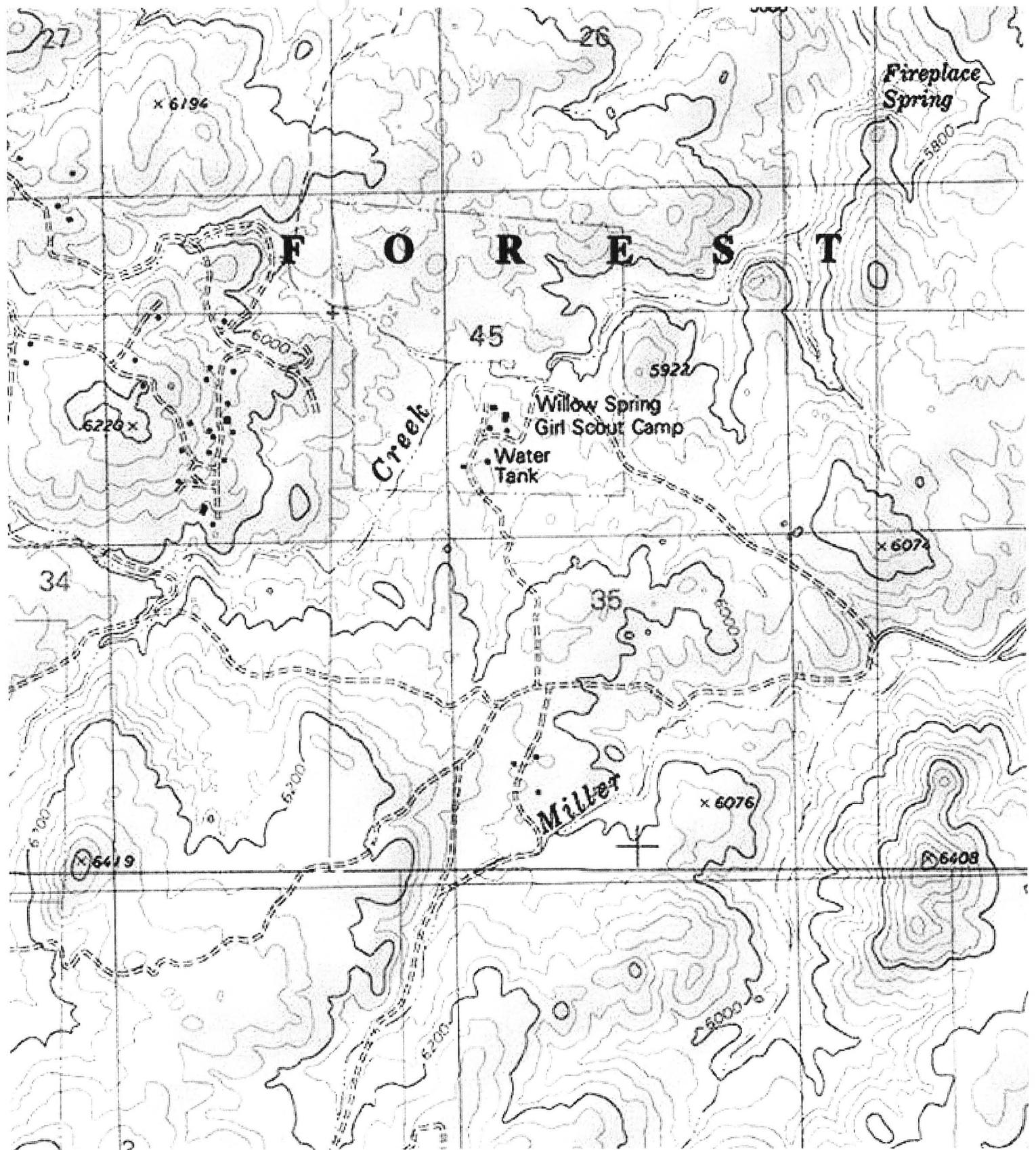
YAVAPAI COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 1433

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 14 N RANGE 3 W SECTION 35 QUARTER W2  
LATITUDE: N 34DEG 33MIN 07SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 32MIN 50SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: IRON SPRINGS - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: EXP PROSPECT

COMMODITY:  
GOLD LODGE  
SILVER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:  
ADMMR LA BELLE LODGE FILE



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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
Southwestern Region  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

2810 MINERAL REPORT  
(For Administrative Use Only)

- Prescott - Thumb Butte R.D.  
Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council, Inc.  
Transamerica Exchange A-7226

August 22 and 24, 1973  
Date of Examination

Gilbert J. Matthews  
Mineral Examiner

September 14, 1973  
Date of Report

Category: Validity

Claim Names: La Belle Lode Mining Claim

Land Office and Serial Number: Phoenix

Brief of Conclusions and Recommendations: That a Government contest be initiated against the La Belle Lode Mining Claim.

Approved: Jack McK. Pardee 9/25/73  
Chief Mineral Examiner Date

Approved: James A. Kimball 10/15/73  
Forest Supervisor Date

Approved: J. A. Raderer 10/17/73  
for Assistant Regional Forester Date

LANDS INVOLVED

T. 14 N., R. 3 W., G&SRB&M, Yavapai County, Arizona  
Section 35, Parts of Lots 3 and 4, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Involving the La Belle lode mining claim (amended), containing 20.66 acres of National Forest land, about as shown on claim plat, Attachment No. 2.

RECORD DATA

The following data on the La Belle lode mining claim was obtained from certified copies of the location notice and amended location notice as Exhibits B and C, respectively, to a letter of protest filed by Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council, Inc., signed by Dale Williams, Treasurer, dated July 12, 1973, addressed to the Regional Forester, R-3, protesting to land exchange application A-7226 filed by Transamerica Title Insurance Company for an exchange of lands by which Transamerica proposes to receive title from the United States to Lots 2 and 3, Section 35, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., G&SRB&M. The Girl Scout Council filed the protest for the reason that a portion of said Lot 3 selected by Transamerica, covers a portion of the Council's La Belle unpatented lode mining claim, the conflict area about as shown in diagonal hatched lines on claims sketch, Attachment No. 2:

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recorded in Yavapai County, Arizona</u>		
	<u>Located</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>
La Belle LMC	9/2/59	9/2/59	163	59
La Belle LMC (amended)	9/2/59	10/27/59	167	546

August J. Desort was the locator of record.

The Girl Scout Council acquired title to the La Belle mining claim by quit-claim deed, dated October 23, 1970 from August J. Desort and Gretchen Schwinn Desort, recorded in the Official Records of Yavapai County at Book 627, on pages 495 and 496. A copy of this deed was also attached to the Council's letter of protest, supra, as Exhibit D.

The Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council, Inc., maintains an office at 1515 East Osborn Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85014, and a phone number 263-0817.

The purpose of the undersigned's examination was to determine the validity of the La Belle mining claim under the provisions of the Federal mining laws.

## LOCATION, ACCESS, and IDENTIFICATION

The La Belle mining claim is situated on the Thumb Butte Ranger District of the Prescott National Forest and in the Thumb Butte Mining District, about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles by road westerly from midtown Prescott. The writer visited the claim with Charles (Chuck) Scheier, Thumb Butte Ranger District, Recreation and Lands Staffman on August 22, 1973, and went unaccompanied to the claim on the morning of August 24, 1973.

To reach the subject claim from the Yavapai County Courthouse in midtown Prescott, drive northward on Gurley Street to Thumb Butte Loop Road, marked by road sign. Turn left onto this loop road and proceed 0.8 mile to a road junction with a road entering from the right, marked by sign "Willow Springs Girl Scout Camp Exit Road". Proceed straight ahead 0.75 mile to yet another road junction with a road entering from the right, marked by a sign reading "Willow Springs Girl Scout Camp Entrance Road". Turn right onto this entrance road and proceed 0.4 mile to the Girl Scout Camp property gate, a short distance beyond the backhoe pit, viewed by Photo "A", Attachment No. 3, in which the pit is visible to the right from the road going to the Girl Scout Campgrounds.

The land in the mining claim area was identified by Chuck Scheier, who is quite familiar with the area, and the topographical and cultural features shown on USGS Iron Springs Quadrangle 15 Min. Topographic Map. Locality Map, Attachment No. 1, is a copy of the appropriate portion of a composite of this Iron Springs Map and the eastward adjoining USGS Prescott Quadrangle 15 Min. Topographic Map.

Turner Engineering Company's Claim Map, attached to the aforementioned protest letter as Exhibit E, aided in the identification of the claim on the ground. Quartz stone monument and post viewed by attached Photo "C" was presumed to be the claim's location monument, but was found to not contain a location notice or other identification.

## TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION

As may be concluded from a study of the attached photos, the subject claim is situated in an area of gentle topography. The area is drained by northeasterly flowing Willow Creek to Willow Creek Reservoir, some seven miles northeast of the claim.

The general claim area, having a mean elevation of about 6,000 feet above sea level, receives an average annual precipitation of about 16 inches, with summer rains and thunderstorms contributing about 10 inches of that amount and winter rains and/or snowstorms making up the balance.

As attached photos will attest, the lush vegetation is predominately ponderosa pine, with other conifers subordinate. Also, live oaks are fairly abundant, with some prickly pear cacti and sparse native grasses observed.

#### GEOLOGY AND MINERALIZATION

Granitic rock outcrops, classified older Precambrian on Arizona Bureau of Mines Geologic Map of Yavapai County, Arizona, and granitic debris are widespread in the area embracing the La Belle mining claim. Sporadic barren appearing quartz float was noted in the area south from the quartz monument supporting the post viewed by attached Photo "C", with quite a concentration of said float about 500 feet south of the monument, about as shown platted on claim sketch, Attachment No. 2.

Pit A, Open End Cut B, and Backhoe Pit C, shown platted on claim sketch, Attachment No. 2, were excavated on near vertical northerly striking quartz veins in the granite.

#### DEVELOPMENT WORK AND SAMPLING

Pit A - This pit is about 5' wide by 7' long by 2' average depth, and has sloughed sides with only slightly iron oxide stained broken quartz in evidence. Because there was no quartz in place exposed, no samples were taken.

Open End Cut B - This is about a 5' wide cut, marked "O.E. Cut B" on claim sketch, Attachment No. 2, and runs about 9' westerly to a sloping 2' high face of top soil. The sides of the cut were sloughed with only slightly limonitic broken quartz exposed. No samples were taken.

Backhoe Pit - This pit, viewed by attached Photo "A", appeared to have been recently excavated when the writer visited the La Belle claim August 22, and 24, 1973. The 13' long pit measured 13' across its north face, and tapered to a 4' width at the south end. The sloping bottom was measured at 13' below the surface at the pits deepest part near the north face. Three quartz veins exposed in the north face were included in the following described samples:

Sample 3812 - Wt.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., was a 30" long horizontal chip sample taken across the full width of the limonitic and fractured N. 17° W. striking and 87° west dipping quartz vein exposed at the center of the north face of the Backhoe pit. This sample which was taken 8' below the surface and  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ' above the pit bottom is delimited by a yellow ribbon bracketed in black ink on attached Photo "B". Copy of Arizona Testing Laboratories Assay Certificate, Attachment No. 6 shows this material assayed; nil gold, nil silver, and nil copper for nil value.

Sample 3813 - Wt.  $5\frac{1}{4}$  lbs., was a 4.2' long horizontal sample cut 9'

below the surface and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' above pit bottom from 0 to 4.2' west of the main quartz vein hanging wall, as shown bracketed in black ink with the sample's respective number on attached Photo "B". Attachment No. 6 shows this limonitic and somewhat chloritized hanging wall brecciated fault gouge material assayed; trace gold, trace silver, and 0.01% copper for total per ton value of \$0.12 for its copper content, based on the current \$.60 per pound copper Engineering and Mining Journal quotation.

Sample 3814 - Wt.  $3\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. was a 2.2' long horizontal sample cut  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ' below the surface and 6' above pit bottom from 0 to 2.2' east of the main quartz footwall, as shown bracketed in black ink with the sample's respective number on attached Photo "B". Attachment No. 6 shows this limonitic footwall material sample, that included a parallel  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide quartz vein, 2.0' to 2.2' east of the footwall of the main quartz vein, assayed; nil gold, trace silver, and 0.01% copper for a total per ton value of \$0.12 for its copper content.

Sample 3815 - Wt.  $4\frac{1}{4}$  lbs., was an 0.80' long horizontal chip sample taken across the full width of a N.  $12^{\circ}$  E. striking and  $83^{\circ}$  West dipping quartz vein exposed at the northeast corner of the Backhoe pit. This sample taken 8' below the surface and  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ' above the pit bottom, and 6.5' to 7.3' east of the main quartz vein footwall, is shown bracketed in black ink with the sample's respective number on attached Photo "B". Attachment No. 6 shows this sample of quartz vein assayed; trace gold, 0.05 oz. silver, and 0.02% copper per ton for a total gross per ton value of \$0.10 for silver, and \$0.24 for its copper content.

Pit with Sunken 55 Gallon Steel Drum - This pit which is about 5' in diameter and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' deep, exposed no mineral for sampling. It had the appearance of having been an abandoned latrine hole.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

After a careful examination of the land included within the boundary limits of the La Belle lode mining claim and a study of the formations exposed, it is the opinion of the undersigned that a discovery of mineral in sufficient quantity and quality to constitute a valid discovery within the meaning of the mining laws does not exist within the limits of the claim.

It is therefore recommended that adverse proceedings be directed against the entry or location on the following charges:

1. That the land embraced within the limits of the claim is non-mineral in character.

2. That a discovery of mineral in sufficient quantity or quality to constitute a valid discovery does not exist within the limits of the claim.

3. That the land embraced within the limits of the claim is not chiefly valuable for mineral.

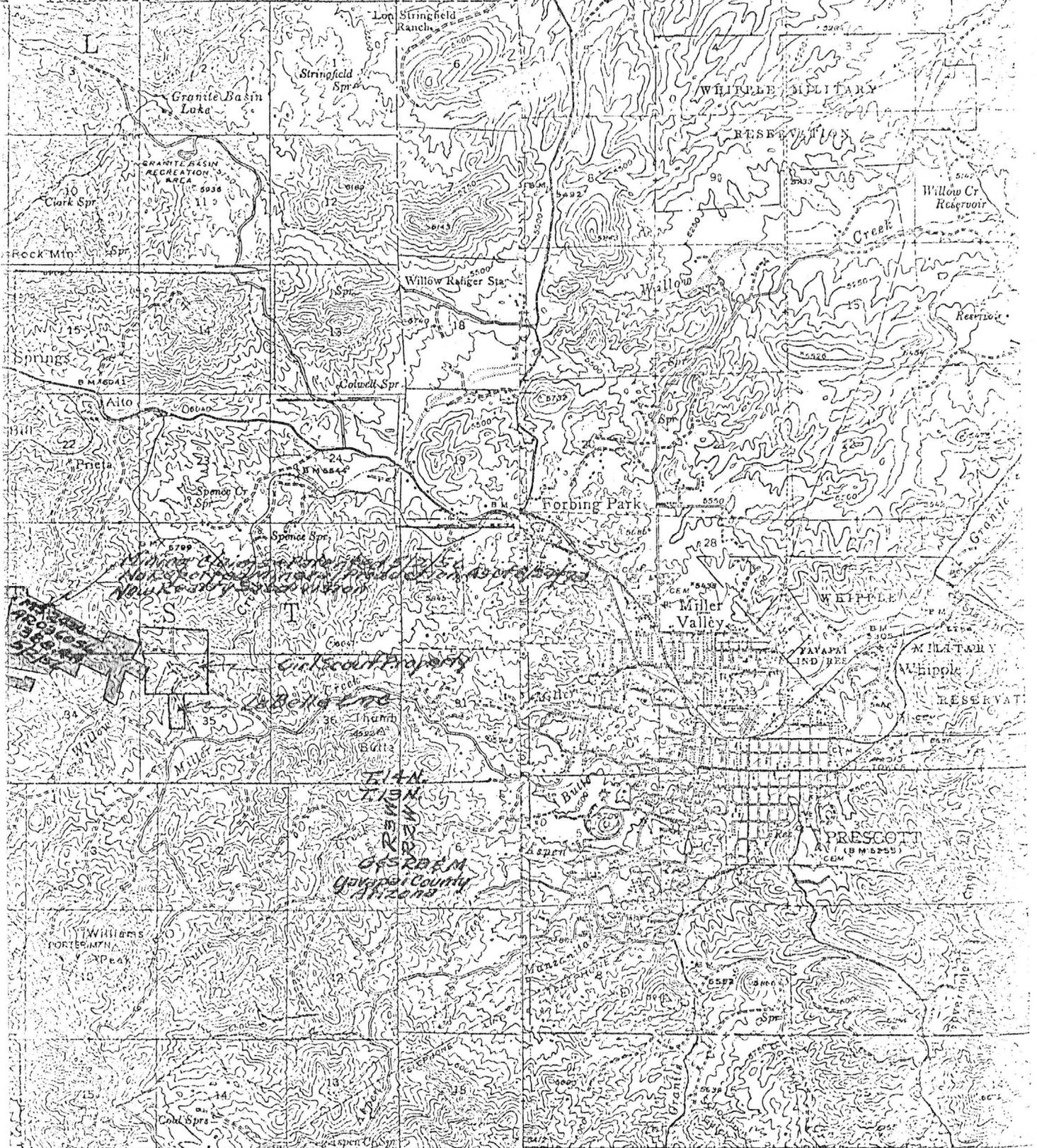


GILBERT J. MATTHEWS  
Mining Engineer

Attachments:

- No. 1 - Locality Map
- No. 2 - Claim Sketch, Scale 1"-400'
- No. 3 - Photos "A" and "B"
- No. 4 - Photos "C" and "D"
- No. 5 - Photo "E"
- No. 6 - Arizona Testing Laboratories Assay Certificate

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R. 3 W. (KIRKLAND)

COPPER BASIN 4.5 MI.  
 SKULL VALLEY 12 MI.  
 REPRODUCED BY THE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY 1948  
 ROADS CLASSIFIED IN 1947

330 000 FEET  
 WILHOIT 13 MI.  
 PHOENIX CIVIC CENTER

ATTACHMENT No. 1  
 Gilbert J. Matthews

ALL WEATHER ROADS

DRY WEATHER ROADS

Mapped by the U. S. Forest Service  
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Unsurveyed-  
Section Corner  
By Projection

27 26 T. 14 N., R. 3 W., G & S R B & M  
34 35 Yavapai County, Arizona

Willow Creek

Girl Scout Property Boundary

Lot 3 - 29.82 Acres  
A-7236 FX Appln.

LA BELLE LMC (amended)

Gate

Quartz  
Float  
Concentration

Unsurveyed  
Station  
about 500 South

caretakers  
dwelling

Postbox

Quartz. Men. w/past. No. Id.

decut

Backline Pit C

Pit with sunken 55 Gal. steel Drum

Ramshackle cabin

Lot 4 - 27.21 Acres



Scale 1"=400'

ATTACHMENT No. 2  
Gilbert J. Matthews



Photo "A" - View northerly of what appeared to be a recently excavated backhoe pit. 8/22/73 - G.J.M.



Photo "B" - View northerly of the north face of the backhoe pit, supra, where yellow ribbons delimit sample situs, bracketed in black ink with respective sample numbers. 8/22/73 - G.J.M.

ATTACHMENT NO. 3  
Gilbert J. Matthews

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Photo "C" - View northwesterly of quartz stone monument supporting a  $4'' \times 4'' \times 4''$  high post assumed to be the La Belle LMC location monument. There was no notice of location posted on 8/24/73. 8/24/73 - G.J.M.



Photo "D" - View southeasterly from backhoe pit. 8/24/73 - G.J.M.

ATTACHMENT NO. 4  
Gilbert J. Mathewa

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La Belle LMC  
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Photo "3" - View southeasterly of ramshackle cabin situated just outside the La Belle claims eastern boundary, about as shown on claim sketch, Attachment No. 2. 8/24/73 - G.J.M.

ATTACHMENT NO. 5  
Gilbert J. Matthews

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For U. S. Dept of Agriculture  
 Arizona Zone R3  
 Zone Minerals Unit  
 522 No. Central, Room 213  
 Old Post Office Bldg.  
 Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Date August 30, 1973

Sample of Ore

Received:

Submitted by: same

## ASSAY CERTIFICATE

Gold figured at \$ 100.00 per ounce

Silver figured at \$ 2.00 per ounce

LAB. NO.	IDENTIFICATION	GOLD		SILVER		PERCENTAGES	
		OZ. PERTON	VALUE	OZ. PERTON	VALUE	Copper	
5116	#3812	Nil		Nil		Nil	
	#3813	Trace		Trace		0.01	
	#3814	Nil		Trace		0.01	
	#3815	Trace		0.05	0.10	0.02	

Respectfully submitted,

ARIZONA TESTING LABORATORIES

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 Claude E. McLean, Jr.

ATTACHMENT No. 6  
 Gilbert J. Matthews