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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: PITTSBURG TONTO

ALTERNATE NAMES:

GILA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 395

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 8 N RANGE 10 E SECTION 36 QUARTER NW  
LATITUDE: N 34DEG 00MIN 01SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 17MIN 41SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: GISELA - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:  
GOLD

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

ADMMR PITTSBURG TONTO FILE  
AZ MNG JNL, P 58; MAY 1920  
PITTSBURG TONTO HAS 2 SHAFTS AND EXTEND INTO  
BOTH SEC 25 & 26

PITTSBURG-TONTO MINE

REFERENCES

GILA COUNTY

Arizona Mining Journal, January 15, 1942, p. 17



PITTSBURG TONTO MINE AREA

9/84

GILA COUNTY

T8N R11E

T9N R11E

T9N R12E

KAP WR 8/31/84: Don White (c) reported that while he was employed by Billiton Exploration, he was involved in a reconnaissance project in the Pittsburg Tonto Mine - Fred Pranty region of the schist belt in Gila Co. Although Billiton never took the project to the claims location stage, it was for financial reasons and not the lack of potential. Mr. White feels the area has a number of targets and would like to interest a firm into funding a project in the area.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Pittsburg-Tonto

Date July 4, 1981

District Green Valley, Gun Creek, Gila County  
(Tonto Basin Area)

Engineer Ken A. Phillips *KAP*

Subject: Mine Visit in the Company of H. Mason Coggin

Principal Minerals: Copper

Other Possible Economic Minerals: Gold, Silver, Lead and Zinc

Special Reference: Massive Sulfide Deposit

Other Possible Names: Tonto-Pittsburg, Tonto Group

Location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 36, T8N R10E

Topographic Quadrangle: Gisela 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  minute

Current Activity: Prospecting - exploration

Type of Operation: Underground Mine

References: Mining Journal, January 15, 1942, p. 17  
Pittsburg-Tonto Mine File (ADMR)

Discussion of Visit:

The Pittsburg-Tonto deposit is believed to be a massive sulfide deposit in precambrian schist. The schist (Chloritized metavolcanics) trends northeast and contains a mineralized zone about 20' wide which outcrops over a few hundred feet along strike. Outcrops exhibit iron stained schist with some quartz and minor boxwork. Materials found on the dump include chalcocite in schist and massive specimens of pyrite-chalcopyrite in schist. A banded iron formation outcrops southeast of the deposit.

Apparently the best outcrop was developed by a vertical shaft. An old headframe is still standing in fair shape over the shaft on the east bank of a steep gorge of Tonto Creek. Men, equipment and ore were transported across the gorge by a aerial tram.

A Claim group, the Tonto #1-#11 located by Noranda had recently been remonumented.

A group of twelve claims covering the deposit were surveyed for patent (M.S. 3531) in September 1918, but were never patented. That group consists of the Babe, Iron Clad, Little Joe, Little Ethel, Copper Queen, Copper King, Lone Star, Copper Glance, Yellow Queen, Jumper, Galena and Prosper claims. The owner at the time of survey was the Pittsburg Tonto Copper Company.

A number of prospect pits and trenches have been dug on minor structures within the claim area. None of them are recent and most were likely location work for old claims. A second shaft had been sunk on the main structure southwest of the main shaft (and on the west side of Tonto Creek)

PITTSBURG TONTO

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MG WR 9/12/86: The PT lode group (apparently centered about the old Pittsburg Tonto mine (Gila County), was located in 1981 by Canyon Resources, 1019 8th St., #100, Golden, Colorado 80401. The property was dropped in 1985.

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