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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: POOR FOLKS MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

PINAL COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 726

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 1 N RANGE 10 E SECTION 27 QUARTER ALL
LATITUDE: N 33DEG 23MIN 02SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 18MIN 42SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: WEAVERS NEEDLE - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: UNKNOWN

COMMODITY:

COPPER OXIDE
COPPER SULFIDE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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KAP WR 4/29/83: Mr. Louis Wolk, 4649 E. Hannibal, Mesa, Arizona, Phone: 985-5476 reported he is continuing to work on Poor Folks Group of 20 claims in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 in T1N R10E Superstition District. Outcrop materials include (he reported) **copper** oxides, secondary copper sulfides (chalcocite) and some cutting material (copper silicate gemstones).

March 21 1983

Phone 985-5476

Office of Dennis De Concini
State Senator
101 North First Avenue
Suite 2850
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Attention: Mr. Michael Crusa

Re: Poor Folks Mines #1 thru #20

Dear Mr. Crusa:

Enclosed please find Documents pertaining to our Poor Folks Claims #1 thru #20. Our Annual Assessments are all up to date, and according to George Martin, Forest Ranger, Tonto National Forest, and their geologist, "These claims are all valid". This statement was made to Louis Wolk and Archie Mc Cune on our #1 claim while we were working on the claim.

On March 10, 1983 Don Van Dreil (Tonto National Forest Ranger) told Archie Mc Cune and Daniel Molina that a man by the name of Chuck Crawford had taken over one of our claims and had already dug a shaft, saying, "Lou Wolk had not done his Assessment work, so therefore I am taking it over."

In Accordance with the Mining Laws, the discovery holes were dug on each claim, showing mineral in place. On March 16, 1983, myself, Archie Mc Cune and Daniel Molina checked over each of the claims and did find that each claim still does have our original mineral in place still showing. As you know, sometimes after a few rains visibility of same is often times obliterated.

The Laws state that on contingent claims you need only do your Annual Assessment work on one claim, such as trenching and exposing veins. We are keeping trails open to claims, (this also is not visible to the layman), plus re-placement of our monuments and claim stakes destroyed or removed by vandals.

Enclosed please find a copy (notorized) letter dated March 16, 1983, sent Certified, Return Receipt Requested to Mr. Chuck Crawford (including Craig Jones and Witness A. Denicourt-name not legible), asking them to (Notice to Vacate the claim.

We have gone to Tonto National Forest Office in Mesa, Arizona and they told us to go talk the Bureau of Land Management, which we did and they told us to go back to Tonto National Forest Department, and neither Department gave us any answers. We have made calls to Department of Mineral Resources and Arizona Republic, Mr. A. V. Gullette (his article which appeared on Sunday, March 13, 1983) about fraudulent claim jumpers are trying to take over the legitimate prospectors valid claims.

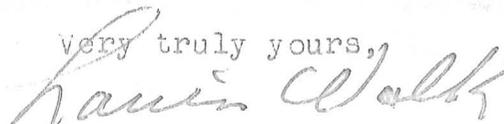
Are there not any laws to protect our valid interests? As the injured parties on this claim jumping incident, should we have to hire an Attorney to fight for what is ours, or should the County, State or Government Agencies be protecting us against these dastardly people? We believe that after paying our filing fees, both County and Government and following all their rules and regulations to the best of our abilities, that we should not have to pay for or hire protection. If this be so, then there should be some laws changed to protect not only us but other poor prospectors who work untiringly, blood, sweat and tears to protect and maintain what is rightfully theirs.

One of our gracious Government Agencies said to Patent the claims, then we wouldn't be bothered with fraudulent claim jumpers. Do you really believe that we would be allowed to Patent these?

If there is anything that you, in the Senate Office are able to do for us it would certainly be appreciated. Also, if you need any further information from us, our address, name and telephone are contained below.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,
I remain,

Very truly yours,



Louis Wolk, etal
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985-5476

LW:pm

cc: Department of U. S. Forestry
Bureau of Land Management
State Department of Mineral Resources

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Att: Mr. Dick Beard & Mr. Jett

March 16 1983

TIN RIDE Sec 27, 28 & 29

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DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mr. Chuck Crawford
P. O. Box 1540
Apache Junction, Arizona

Dear Mr. Crawford:

It has come to our attention via The Tonto National Forestry Department (Mr. van Dreil), District Ranger that you are hereby infringeing on Mr. Lou Wolk, etal, Poor Folks Mines, by prospecting on such.

Poor Folks Mines are all legal valid claims that have a discovery of ore showing on all claims, 1 thru 20 and have all Assessment Work up to date.

We are hereby giving you Notice to Vacate the Premises, cease and desist your working on such.

Perhaps it would be to your benefit to read your Mining Laws, especially the part that says you can do all your Yearly Assessment Work on one claim.

This Notice To Vacate also includes Craig Jones and A. Denicourt (name not legible), your witness.

very truly yours,



Mr. Lou Wolk, Etal



My Commission Expires Mar. 2, 1987

LW:pm

cc: Department of U. S. Forestry
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