MAPS AND BOOKS FOR ARIZONA GOLD AND GOLD PROSPECTING

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Arizona Lode Gold Mines and Gold Mining, Arizona Geological Survey Bulletin 137. This 254-page book contains descriptions of most past producing lode gold mines in Arizona. It is divided into chapters by counties. There are also chapters on small mine development, mining laws and prospecting. The chapter on mining law is out-of-date and should not be used. The book was published in 1934 with only slight revisions in 1967. It is available by mail or at the sales counter of the Arizona Geological Survey.


Placer Gold Deposits of Arizona, U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 1355. (1973) A 103-page book with a 30" x 30" folding map on placer gold deposits in Arizona. This excellent bulletin is no longer available from government sources but a Gem Guides reprint is available at the Department and local bookstores. Reprints of the map are available from the ADMMR.


Mineral and Water Resources of Arizona, Arizona Geological Survey Bulletin 180. (1969) This comprehensive book contains a 12-page chapter on placer and lode gold. The book also contains individual chapters on all of Arizona's metallic and nonmetallic mineral commodities. The book contains over 60 chapters and 638 pages. It is a valuable compendium of mineral resource information on Arizona. Many references are listed for each chapter. It is available by mail or at the sales counter of the Arizona Geological Survey.


Suggestions for Prospecting, U.S. Geological Survey. A 24-page pamphlet which discusses prospecting for gold and other minerals. Includes brief discussions of various prospecting methods. A single copy is available free by writing to the U. S. Geological Survey, Branch of Distribution, 1200 South Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.


Laws and Regulations Governing Mineral Rights in Arizona, Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources Special Report 12. This book explains the Federal and State laws and regulations regarding locating (staking) and maintaining title to mining claims on Federal land in Arizona. Further, the book explains the procedure for acquiring mining rights on State owned Trust Lands. Chapters are also included on lands open (or closed) to prospecting and on permit requirements for prospecting activities on Federal land that involve significant surface disturbance. It is available from ADMMR.

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