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Rosebud Mine

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Rosebud Mine (Silver Gulch M & M Co)

Dunton, Dolores Co., Colo.

Lone Cone Mining Distr. 9 mi. W of Rico.

El. 10,000'. 6 mi. from Dunton.

See Manager's Reports for Aug, Sept, Oct, 1921. Maps & Sections. See orig. survey & assay notes appended.

Geology: Country rock Dolores

Formation, fine-grained ss to medium coarse congl. ~~Iron cement~~ Cementing material silica, hematite & calcite, in order named. Flat-lying, gentle southerly dip (15°) ^{Comparatively few} ~~many~~ fissures or faults.

Prevailing strike of these N-S. Deps of sulfur on cañon walls from these fissures common.

Many of these fissures make H_2S & CO_2 in the cañon bottoms. Ls beds, 500-1000' above Rosebud workings.

Rosebud Vein - Strike $N3^{\circ}W$ av.

Prevailing dip $85^{\circ}E$. Walls well-defined

both width of vein varies from 6" to 6'.

Little evidence of any great ^{fault} movement.

Vein filling chiefly crushed ss, often crushed to fine clay-like gouge. ss horses common, with very soft go. around them. Banded rhodochrosite sometimes occurs, often near center of vein. Qtz stringers & masses common, but seldom forming a large % of the vein filling. Ore occurs in the rhodo & Qtz stringers & nodules. Walls characteristically leached ^{white} in places for 100' either side of vein. Co. occurs on either wall, but not consistently. Water working down walls causes incessant caving by softening the go. cementing material around the horses. Conglomerate pebbles ^{in walls} sometimes sheared by ~~vein~~ fissure movement, sometimes left protruding.

Vein minerals - Sugary Qtz; micro-cryst. rosy Qtz; ditto black Qtz; Qtz hex. crystals lining vugs in sugary Qtz, & small ^{sub-} fissures

Rhodochrosite - Banded in thin bands;
in masses & stringers; flat crystalline
faces.

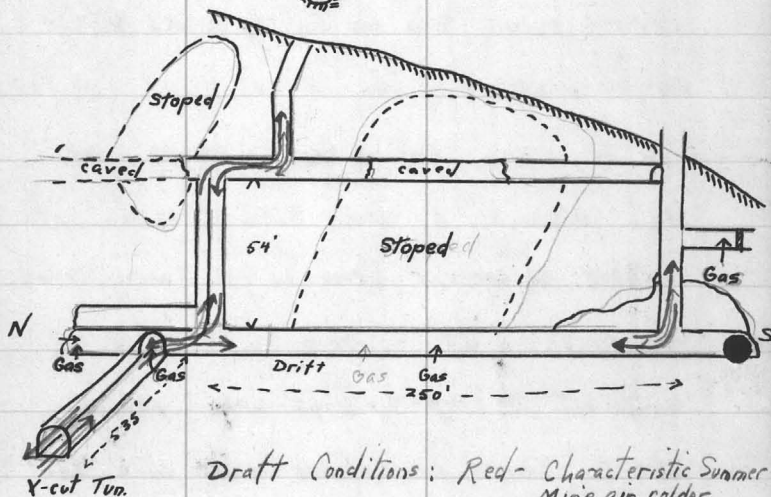
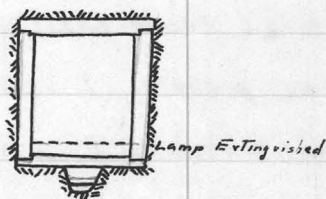
Calcite - In small stringers. Not common.

Pyrite - As fine cubical crystals clustered
in go., scattered thro Qtz . filling & ss horses,
& on the ~~con~~ walls, & for a short distance
into the country. One spec., showing pyrite
cubes up to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", in rasy Qtz matrix,
found on prospect Tunnel dump, near N
end-line, Rosebud claim.

Mineralization of Wall Rocks: Observable in N^o3 X-cut tunnel at intersection with vein. The ss is white on fresh exposure, but oxidizes red in air; remains white however in vicinity of vein; walls are always white. Pyrite dissem. ~~thru~~^{along} small bedding & fracture planes near vein; surficial calcite stalactites on roof of X-cut tunnel near vein.

The Gas: Fissure makes CO_2 under considerable pressure. It bubbles up thru mine water & ooze on floor of drift in several places, & is emitted by cracks & fissures in the face, N of the X-cut, & at L in the HW at the X-cut. CO_2 is acc. by some H_2S , evidenced by smell & effect on the eyes. Where ^{air} no current clears the gas away, enough is made in 50' of vein to make work difficult or imposs. Gas hangs low in drift, tends to follow water in ditch. Appears to corrode rails; rails left above mud 1 year badly eaten; those buried in mud intact. ^{Silvery-}Black scum char. of H_2S forms on stagnant water.

In intermediate drainage Tunnel (See Report for Aug.) gas extinguishes lamp 6" above caps. Follows water in ditch.



Drift Conditions: Red - Characteristic Summer
 Mine air colder
 Blue - Characteristic Winter
 Mine air warmer.

Working conditions are best under summer conditions; changes in draft occur however even in the summer; cloudy day etc. Diff. in temp, v.g. & surface must be appreciable.

Mech. Ventilation

Suction & Blowing.

Suction - To remove heavy CO_2 from bottom of drift. Wooden pipe designed for this; also used in X-cut due to lack of galv. iron pipe.

