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The geology of, and known mineral occurrences within,  
Wilderness Study Areas 4-14 and 4-16  
Fishhook - Day Mine

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report are those of the consultant and  
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Brief summary of geological features and known mineral occurrences

Wilderness Study Areas 4-14, 4-16  
Fishhook - Day Mine

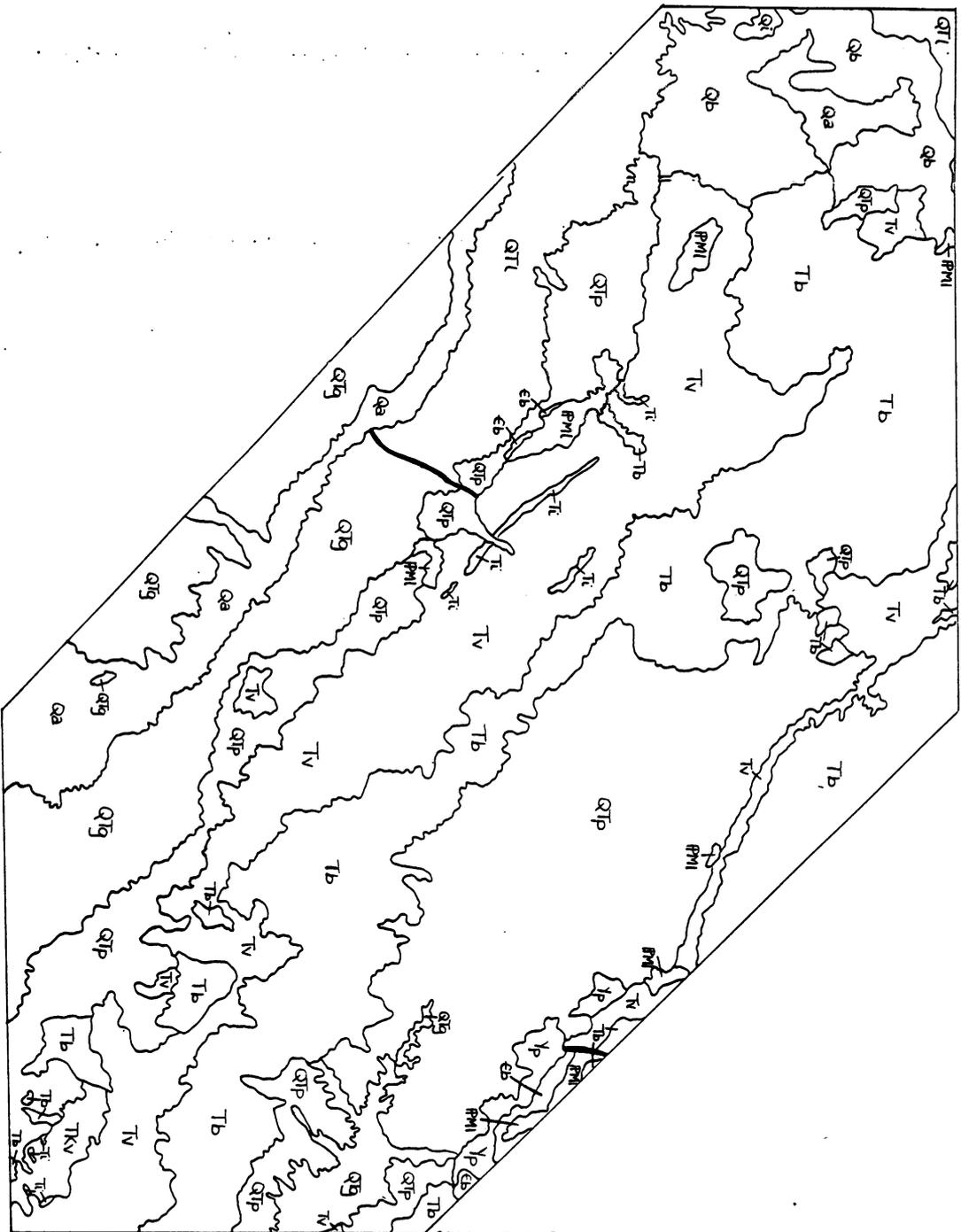
- 1) The Fishhook - Day Mine areas are underlain by middle - to - upper Tertiary age volcanic flows, breccias, and tuffs, and by late Tertiary-Quaternary basin-fill deposits, primarily of alluvial and lacustrine origin (sands, gravels, etc.);
- 2) The WSA's do not contain any known base or precious metal occurrences;
- 3) Secondary copper mineral deposits have been reported from fissure veins in middle Tertiary volcanic rocks along the western and southern borders of the WSA's. Other copper deposits are located several miles to the south of WSA 4-16. No production has been recorded from exploration prospects in these areas;
- 4) Minor occurrences of gold, silver, lead, zinc, and molybdenum are associated with the copper deposits. Mining claim reports indicate that mineral amounts are insufficient to be of economic value;
- 5) One known occurrence of manganese is located to the south of WSA 4-16 in middle Tertiary volcanic rocks. There are no reports of production;
- 6) Information concerning mineral types, claim development, and ore production is unavailable for other prospects in this region;
- 7) The Safford - Lone Star Mining District, to the south of the WSA's, has been actively mined and prospected since the late 1800's. Porphyry copper and related vein deposits of the Safford region are associated with granodiorite plutons (late Cretaceous-early Tertiary; 67-52 m.y.), located in ENE-trending shear zones that transect Cretaceous-

Tertiary volcanic flows and breccias. Data on mining activity and production are largely non-existent for the many small mines that operated between 1900 and the late 1940's.

For additional discussions of the mineral potential of the Gila Mountains and vicinity, see Bromfield and Shride (1956) and Robinson and Cook (1966).



GEOLOGY OF THE FISHHOOK - DAN MINE AREA  
 GILA MOUNTAINS  
 (4-14/4-16)



CARBONIFEROUS  
 TERTIARY-CRETACEOUS

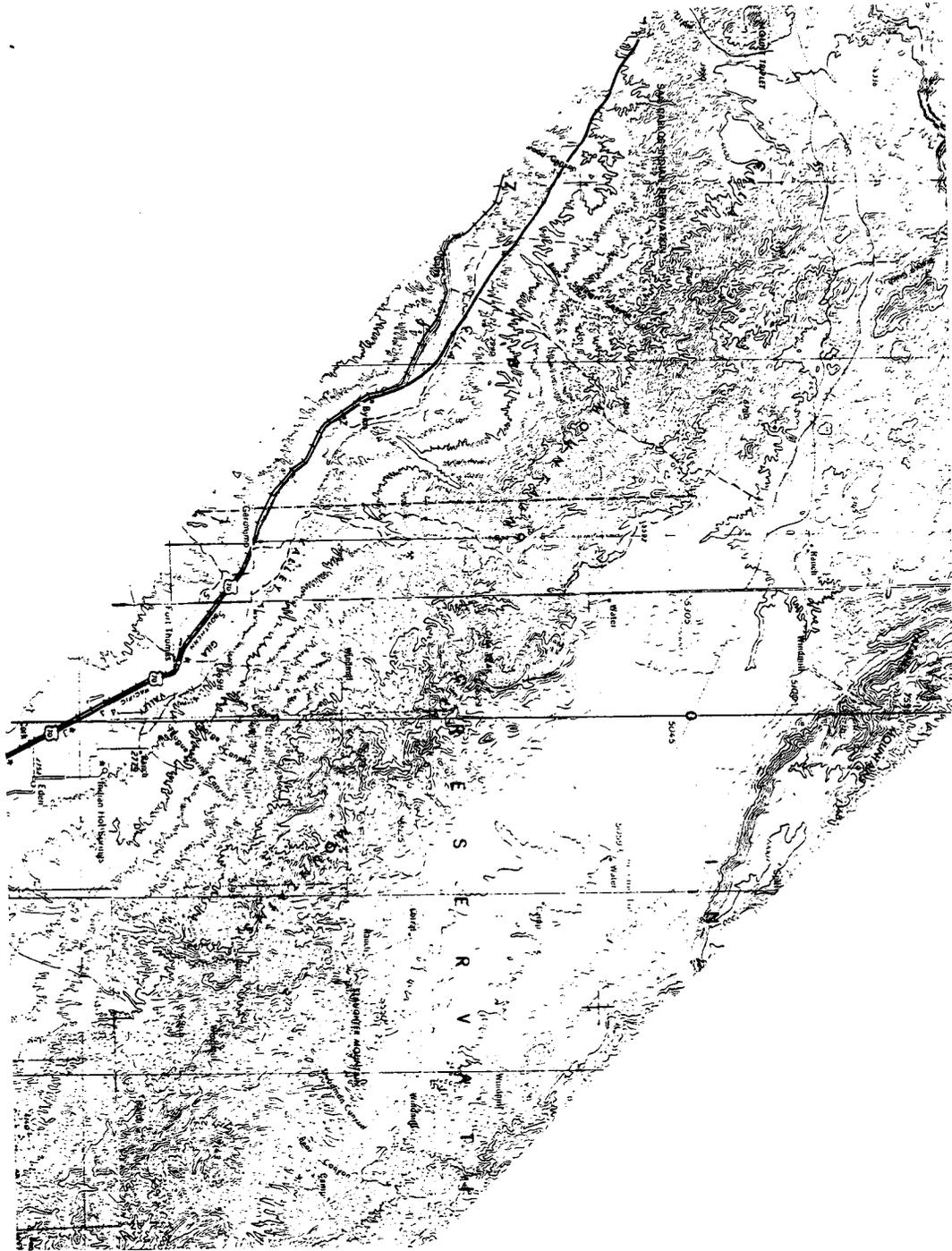
PRECAMBRIAN CAMBRIAN	TERTIARY CRETACEOUS	TERTIARY	QUATERNARY- TERTIARY	QUATERNARY
Yp	Pml	Tl	Qip	Qa
	Eb	Tm	Qit	Qb
		Tn	Qig	Qc
		To	Qiv	Qd
		Tp	Qit	Qe
		Tq	Qip	Qf
		Tr	Qit	Qg
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			Qip	Qt
			Qit	Qu
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			Qit	Qw
			Qip	Qx
			Qit	Qy
			Qip	Qz

TKv Flows, tuffs, breccias, and volcanic conglomerates of andesitic to rhyolitic composition.  
 Pml Fine-grained fossiliferous limestone; Horquilla and Bolsa Quartzite; orthoquartzite and grit with basal conglomerate unit.  
 Eb Coarse-grained porphyritic quartz monzonite, locally chloritized and foliated.

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 fault

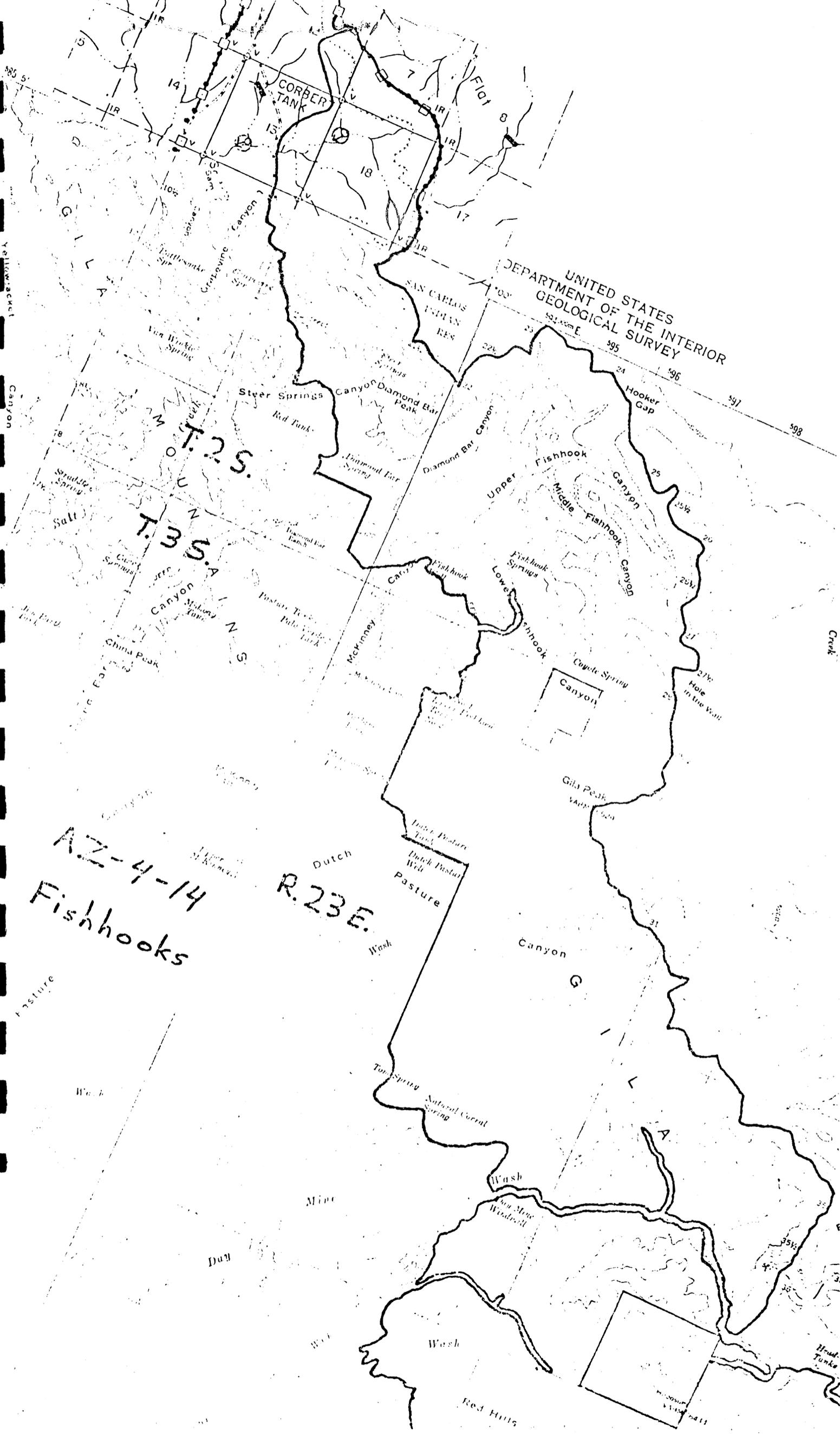
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 Wilson, E.D., and R.T. Moore, 1958

EXPLANATION





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AZ-4-14  
Fishhooks

R. 23 E.

T. 2 S.

T. 3 S.

Yellow Jacket Canyon

Creek

Head Tunks

## KNOWN MINERAL OCCURRENCES

### FISHHOOKS / DAY MINE AREA (4-14 / 4-16)

#### Copper and Manganese Deposits

The Gila Mountains are composed of middle-to-upper Tertiary age volcanic flows, breccias, and tuffs. Pyroclastic rocks, including basalts, rhyolites, andesites, and rhyolitic tuffs and breccias of middle Tertiary age are separated from late Tertiary-Quaternary vesicular basalt flows by a structural unconformity. About 1000 feet of these older flows and tuffs overlie exposed Paleozoic rocks in the Gila Range. Well-indurated conglomerate, fanglomerate, breccia, and coarse gravel cover terraces and low ridges sloping down to the Gila Valley on the southwest and the alluvium-filled Ash Flat - Bonita Creek basin on the east.

Secondary copper minerals are contained in fissure vein systems cutting andesitic and basaltic flows (map numbers 6, 16, 16). To the north of the Gila Range, copper sulfides and carbonates occur in a fissure vein transecting Paleozoic sedimentary rocks (map number 2). Minor amount of gold, silver, lead, zinc, and molybdenum have been reported from these vein deposits.

Map number 12 contains a manganese deposit. Psilomelane and manganite occur in irregular veins in sheared andesite (middle Tertiary). There are no records of production from these deposits.

Map numbers 1-5, 7, 9-11, and 13-15 represent exploration prospects with unknown mineral types. Information concerning development and production is unavailable.

MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 1

#### Mine Borrow Pit

<u>Location</u>	T.01S	Sec. 18	Lat. 33-19-16N
	R.23E	Cen.	Log. 109-59-32-W
			Elev. 5100 ft.

Geology Prospect located in middle-upper Tertiary basalt flows interbedded with, and overlying, Gila-Conglomerate - type sedimentary deposits. Near contact between basalt flow to west and Quaternary alluvium of Ash Flat to east. Basalt flows in region are generally flat-lying and have been little disturbed.

Mineral Products Unknown.

Development and Production Surface exploration, extent of development unknown.

#### References

USBM Files, Borrow Pit  
USGS Tule Tubs Quad (1:24000)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958  
Bromfield and Shiride, 1956, p. 627-628





Geology Mineral deposits in fissure veins in middle Tertiary andesite flow and porphyritic andesite rocks.

Mineral Products Copper  
Lead  
Zinc  
Molybdenum

Development and Production Exploration prospect; extent of development unknown. Claims extend into Sections 24, 26, 35, 36 (T.03S, R.23E) and Sections 19, 30, 31 (T.03S, R, 24E)

References

USBM Files, HWR Claim Group  
ADMR HWR Claim Group File  
BLM Unpatented Claims Lead File 44315, July 1980  
Wilson and Moore, 1958  
USGS Ft. Thomas Quad (1:62500)

MAP NO. 4-14/16-7

Mine Carrasco Claims  
(Unpatented Claims - Loma Linda, High Noon)

Location T.035            Sec. 35            Lat. 33-07-40N  
R.23E                E $\frac{1}{2}$                 Long. 109-57-15W  
Elev. 4000 ft.

Geology Claims located on fissure veins in middle Tertiary andesite flow and porphyritic andesite rocks. Near contact between Tertiary volcanics and well-indurated Quaternary sediments which include conglomerate, fanglomerate, and breccia in shallowly dipping to flat-lying beds. Copper, lead, zinc, and molybdenum minerals found to north on HWR Claims.

Mineral Products Unknown.

Development and Production Exploration porspect; extent of development unknown. Claims extend into Sections 26 and 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$  (T.03S, R.23E).

References

USBM Files Carrasco Claims  
BLM Unpatented Claims Lead File 90007, July 1980  
USGS Ft. Thomas Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

MAP NO. 4-14/16-8

Mine Gravel Pit

Location T.03S            Sec. 29            Lat. 33-09-22W  
R.27E                W $\frac{1}{2}$                 Long. 109-36-04W  
Elev. 5360 ft.

Geology Weakly to well-indurated conglomerate, fanglomerate, breccia, and coarse gravel in shallowly dipping to flat-lying beds, in SE portion of Ash Flat. Near contact between Quarternary alluvium and exposed basaltic flow to south of workings; separated by an erosional unconformity.

Mineral Products Gravel

Development and Production Surface workings; recent producer.

References

USBM Files, Gravel, Pit  
USGS Bryce Mountain Quad (1:625000)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 9

Mine Prospect

Location T.04S                      Sec. 02                      Lat. 33-07-07N  
R.23E                              NE                              Long. 109-57-09W  
Elev. 3900 ft.

Geology Prospect located in faulted middle Tertiary andesitic flow. Copper prospects in vicinity.

Mineral Products Unknown.

Development and Production Exploration prospect.

References

USBM Files, Prospect  
USGS Ft. Thomas Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 10

Mine Prospect

Location T.04S                      Sec. 18                      Lat. 33-05-31N  
R.23E                              Cen, N $\frac{1}{2}$                       Long. 109-55-28W  
Elev. 2640 ft.

Geology Prospect located in Quaternary - Recent alluvium of the Gila River drainage. Unconsolidated silt, sand, and gravel forms low-lying terraces, overflow channels, and lowland plain supporting the Gila River.

Mineral Products Unknown

Development and Production Exploration prospect.

References

USBM Files Prospect  
USGS Bylas Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958  
Knechtel, 1938, p. 200



MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 13

Mine Bryce Brothers Claims

Location T.04S                      Sec. 21                      Lat. 33-03-52N  
R. 25E                              SW                              Long. 109-47-06W  
Elev. 4400 ft.

Geology Prospect located at or near contact between middle Tertiary andesite flow and middle-late Tertiary porphyritic basalt. Copper prospects in vicinity.

Mineral Products Unknown.

Development and Production Exploration prospect.

References

USBM Files, Bryce Bros. Claims  
BLM Mining Claims Lead File 40072, July 1980  
USGS Ft. Thomas Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 14

Mine Robin Claims  
(Orbit, Orbitter)

Location T.04S                      Sec. 25                      Lat. 33-03-15N  
R.25E                              W<sub>2</sub>                              Long. 109-44-20W  
Elev. 4800 ft.

Geology Claims located on faulted, middle Tertiary andesitic flow and porphyritic andesite rocks. Adjacent Poteet Claims to north and south report copper deposits.

Mineral Products Unknown.

Development and Production Exploration prospect; extent of development unknown. Property borders Poteet Claim Group.

References

USBM Files, Robin Claims  
BLM Mining Claims Lead File 76436, July 1980  
USGS Bryce Mountain Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

MAP NO. 4-14/16 - 15

Mine Quarry

Location T.05S                      Sec. 12                      Lat. 33-00-45N  
R.25E                              Cen., E<sub>2</sub>                      Long. 109-43-38W  
Elev. 4360 ft.



Development and Production Underground exploration prospect; extent of development unknown. Unpatented claims extend into Sec. 13, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 36 (T.05S, R.25E)

References

USBM Files, Mardi Gras Claims  
BLM Mining Claims Lead File 4107, July 1980  
USGS Thatcher Quad (1:62500)  
USGS Safford Quad (1:62500)  
Wilson and Moore, 1958

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widespread py, cp in granite



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table of mineral occurrences (mine/prospect location,  
geology, mineral products, development and production)  
references cited

Interpretations and conclusions in this  
report are those of the consultant and  
do not necessarily coincide with those  
of the staff of the Bureau of Geology  
and Mineral Technology.

Brief summary of geological features and known mineral occurrences

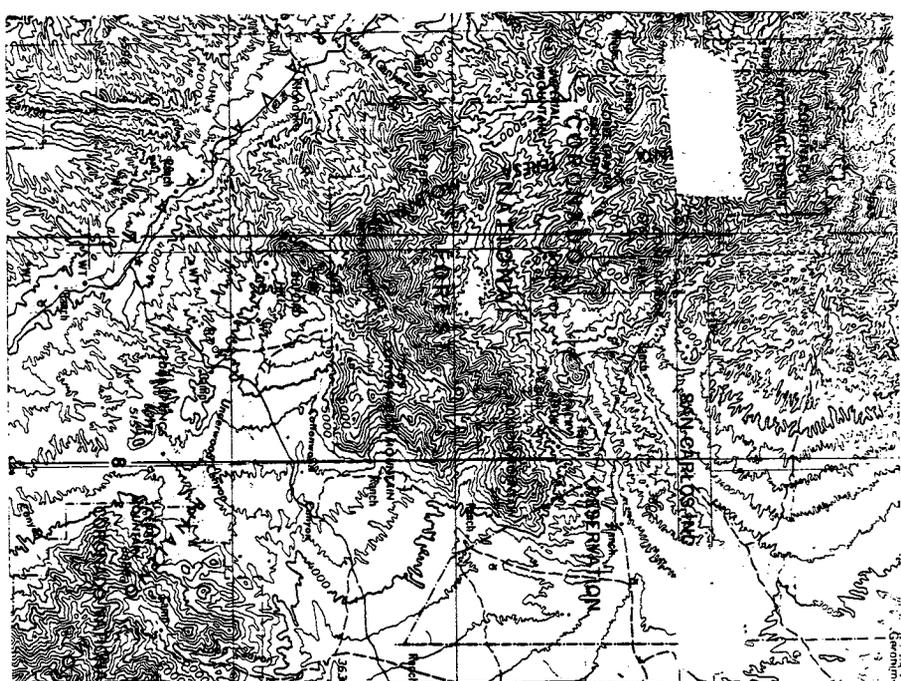
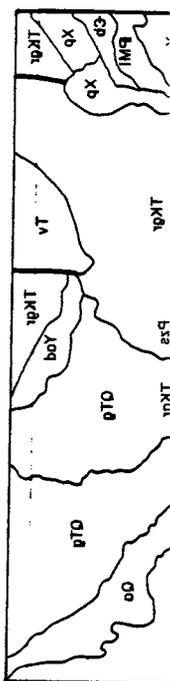
Wilderness Study Area 4-8  
Jackson Mountain - Black Rock

- 1) The WSA is underlain by Precambrian metamorphic rocks, Cretaceous or Tertiary granite, and middle Tertiary volcanics. Bed-rock exposures are surrounded by late Tertiary-Quaternary basin-fill (sands, gravels, etc.). Three major fault systems transect the range;
- 2) Two groups of inactive prospects are located within the WSA; both are situated on the northern flanks of Jackson Mountain. The Spar Fluorite Group, largest mining operation in this area, produced 1200 tons of fluorspar prior to 1953; no further activity has been reported. Minor occurrences of secondary copper, lead, silver, and zinc minerals are associated with fluorspar; however, no significant production of these ores has been recorded.

No information concerning development, mineral commodities, or production is available for the second group of prospects within the WSA;
- 3) Fluorspar also occurs to the south of the WSA in Precambrian schist. Several prospect pits were located in this area. Records of production are unavailable;
- 4) There are reports of uranium radioactivity from five exploration prospects to the north and south of the WSA. No uranium production has been recorded from the Jackson Mountain region;
- 5) There are several copper occurrences in granitic rocks located in the south-central portion of the massive Tertiary granitic batholith to the northwest of Jackson Mountain. Minor amounts of lead, silver, and gold are associated with the copper deposits;
- 6) The Stanley-Aravaipa Mining District, to the west of the WSA, has been actively mined and prospected since the late 1800's. Lead, zinc, and silver deposits are contained in Precambrian metamorphosed igneous and sedimentary formations, Paleozoic sediments, Cretaceous or Tertiary granitic rocks, and middle Tertiary volcanics.

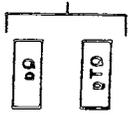
For additional discussions of the mineral potential of the Santa Teresa Mountain - Aravaipa region, see Ross (1925) and Simons (1964).





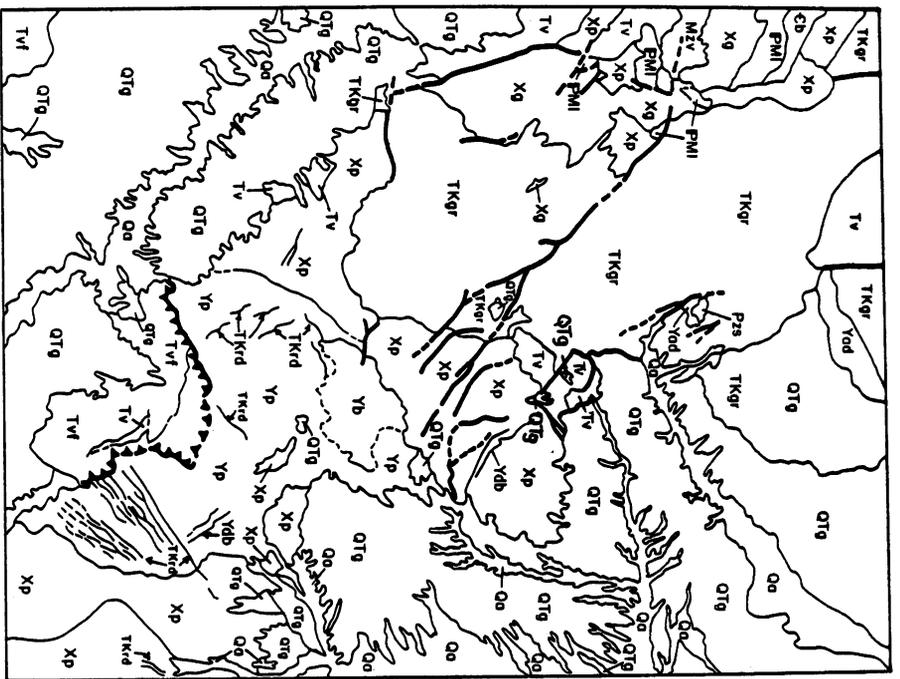
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Quaternary  
 Late Tertiary



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**EXPLANATION**

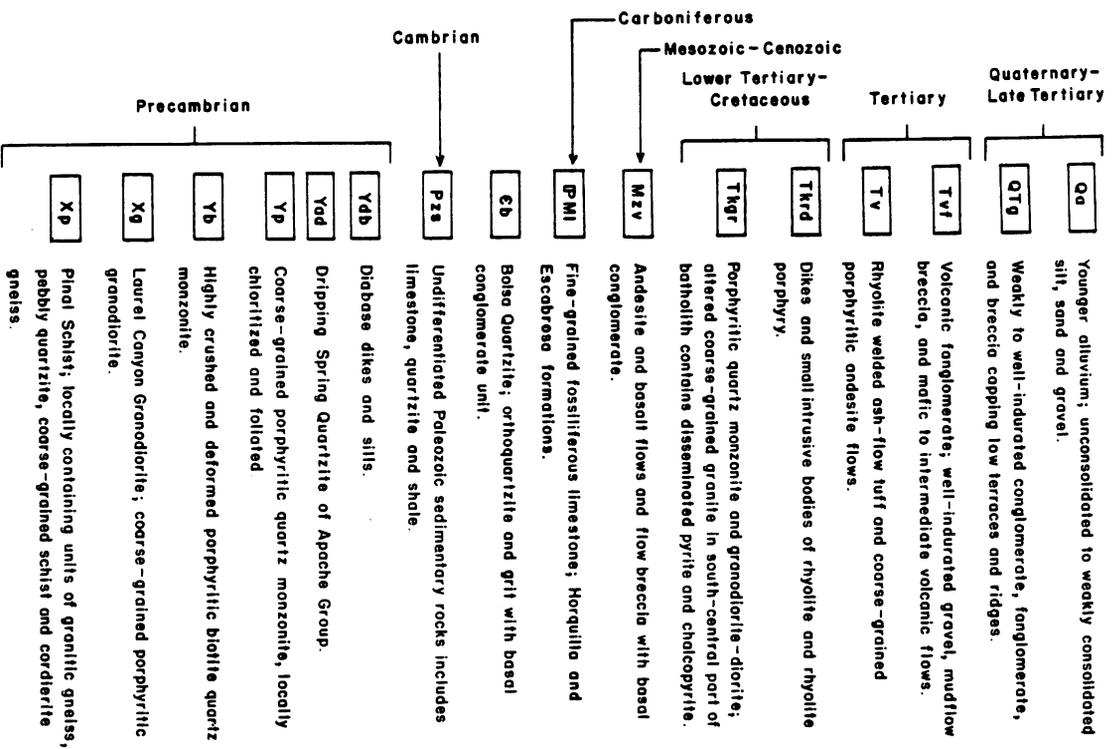


**GEOLOGY OF THE JACKSON MOUNTAIN AREA**  
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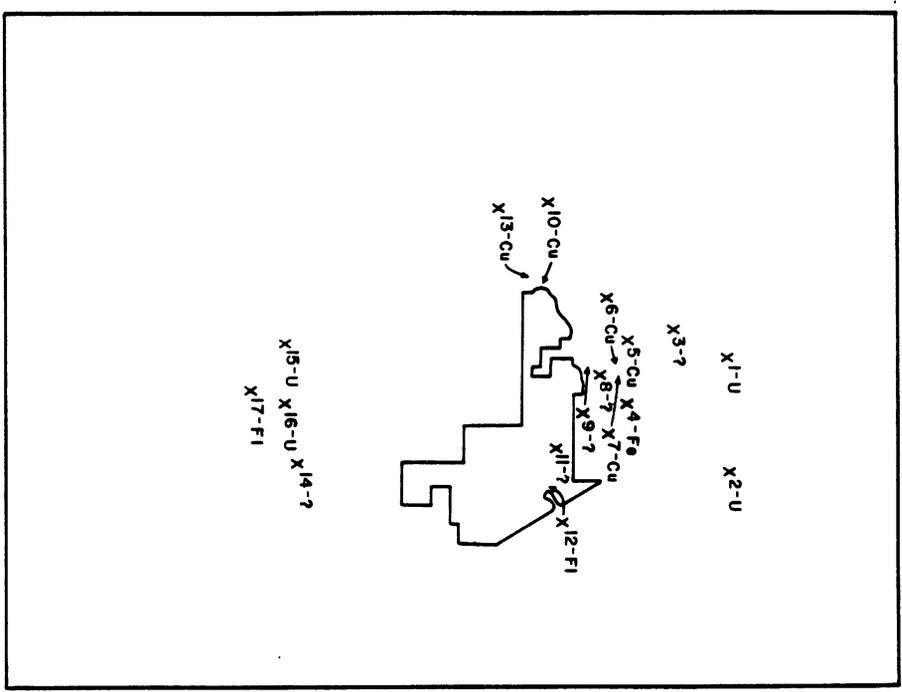
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**EXPLANATION**



**MINERAL OCCURRENCES IN  
THE JACKSON MOUNTAIN AREA  
(4-8)**



**EXPLANATION**

Known mineral occurrences are located by map number, followed by type of mineral deposit. See accompanying table of mineral occurrences.

- X FI fluorapatite; associated copper, lead, silver, and zinc
- X Fe iron oxides
- X Cu copper, chiefly chalcocite
- X U uranium
- X ? unknown

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## KNOWN MINERAL OCCURRENCES

### JACKSON MOUNTAINS AREA (4-8)

#### Fluorspar, Uranium, and Copper Deposits

The Jackson Mountain region of the Santa Teresa range is chiefly composed of schists, quartzites, and gneisses of the late Precambrian Pinal Schist Formation. Rhyolite welded ash-flow tuffs (late Tertiary), and a massive granitic batholith (Tertiary or Cretaceous) covering approximately 50 square miles of the Aravaipa-Stanley region, are exposed to the north and northwest of Jackson Mountain. The Santa Teresa Mountains are surrounded by dissected coalescing pediments that slope northward and eastward to the terraced, alluvium-filled Gila Valley; three major fault systems, emplaced after the late Tertiary batholithic intrusion, transect the range (trending N20-30W, N70-80E, N60-70W, respectively).

Coarse-grained crystalline fluorspar deposits in the vicinity of Jackson Mountain (map numbers 12,17) occur as fissure vein deposits in gneissic granite and porphyritic quartz monzonite units of the Pinal Schist formation. Veins are nearly vertical and fluorspar is mixed with copper carbonates, chiefly chrysocolla, lead, silver, and zinc. Fluorspar deposits, located to the south of Jackson Mountain also evidenced some uranium content.

Pyrite and chalcopyrite are irregularly disseminated in altered coarse-grained granodiorite and porphyritic quartz monzonite throughout the south-central portion of the massive Tertiary granitic batholith (map numbers 5-7). The Fisher Prospect (map number 10) contains oxidized copper minerals, primarily chrysocolla and chalcopyrite, in veins within the batholith; narrow dikelets of aplite containing abundant micropegmatite, as well as some lead, silver, and gold, are associated with the copper deposits.

Iron ore, partially oxidized to leucoxene and associated with trace titanium, has been prospected from granodiorite in the southern part of the batholith (map number 4).

Uranium minerals associated with iron oxides, occur in contact zones between diabase intrusives and Precambrian quartzites (map number 1), in Quaternary-Tertiary gravel deposits to the north of Jackson Mountain, within pegmatites and porphyritic quartz monzonite of Precambrian age (map number 16), and as coatings on fracture planes in lower units of the Pinal Schist Formation.

Data on grades, tonnage, and early mining activity are largely unavailable.

Map No.: 4-8-1

Mine: Brushy Claims

Location: T. 5S  
R. 21E

Sec. 9  
SW

Lat. 33-00-27N  
Long. 110-12-17W  
Elev. 4471 Ft.

Geology:

Uranium minerals occur in altered zone near contact between diabase intrusives and Precambrian quartzite countryrock. Uranium is associated with iron oxides.

Mineral Products: Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ )

Development and Production: Exploration prospect; 2 small prospect pits. Claims owned by Dan Hinton, as of 1954.

References:

USBM Files, Brushy Claims  
USAEC, 1954, A-P-277  
USGS Bylas Quad (1:62500)

Map No.: 4-R-2

Mine: Uranium Deposit

Location: T. 5S                      Sec. 12                      Lat. 33-00-45N  
                  R. 21E                      C                              Long. 110-08-45W  
Geology:                              Elev. 3640 Ft.

Deposit located in Tertiary-Quaternary shallowly dipping to flat-lying gravel beds consisting of conglomerate, fanglomerate, and breccia. Coarse conglomerates, derived from mountains surrounding Gila River Valley and from lake deposits, include limestones, mudstones, diatomaceous sedimentary rocks and gypsum. Gila River Valley Tertiary sediments reach considerable depths (as much as 1600 Ft.) and are correlative with upper Pliocene Gila Conglomerate formation in other parts of SE Arizona.

Mineral Products: Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ )

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Uranium Deposit  
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Map No.: 4-8-3

Mine: Prospects

Location: T. 5S  
R. 21E

Sec. 16  
SWSW

Lat. 32-59-29N  
Long. 110-12-20W  
Elev. 4200 Ft.

Geology:

Prospects located in undifferentiated Paleozoic sedimentary rocks (including limestone, quartzite, and shale) which are exposed as roof pendant in Tertiary-Cretaceous granite (granodiorite, quartz monzonite porphyry). Epidote and fluorite commonly occur in granite facies within region.

Mineral Products: Unknown

Development and Production: Exploration prospects (3); extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospects  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)



Map No.: 4-8-5

Mine: Prospect

Location: T. 5S  
R. 21E

Sec. 29  
SW

Lat. 32-57-46N  
Long. 110-13-15W  
Elev. 4320 Ft.

Geology:

Disseminated pyrite and chalcopyrite in altered coarse-grained granodiorite and porphyritic quartz monzonite (Tertiary or Cretaceous). Prospect located in south-central part of massive Tertiary granitic batholith N of Santa Teresa Mountains (area approximately 50 sq. miles). Epidote and fluorite commonly occur in granodiorite-diorite facies within southern portion of batholith. Iron ore in some sections of batholith has partially altered to leucoxene (evidence of titanium content).

Mineral Products: Copper: Chalcopyrite; Pyrite

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospect  
USGS Jackson Mtn Quad (1:24000)  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
Ross, 1 25, pp. 32-34

Map No.: 4-8-6

Mine: Prospects

Location: T. 5S

Sec. 32

Lat. 32-57-35N

Long. 110-12-36W

Elev. 4220 Ft.

Geology:

Disseminated pyrite and chalcopyrite in altered coarse-grained granodiorite and porphyritic quartz monzonite (Tertiary or Cretaceous). Quartz monzonite has been extensively shattered and sheared in region; multiple shear joints strike NE-SW and NW-SE, generally dipping 25°S.

Mineral Products: Copper: Chalcopyrite; Pyrite

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospects; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospects  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)  
Blacet and Miller, 1978

Map No.: 4-8-7

Mine: Prospect

Location: T. 5S  
R. 21E

Sec. 33  
NE

Lat. 32-57-32N  
Long. 110-11-38W  
Elev. 3830 Ft.

Geology:

Copper minerals disseminated in coarse-grained porphyritic andesite flow comprising lower unit of the Tertiary Galiuro Volcanics. Andesite flows in region are commonly vesicular in their upper portion. Contact of andesite porphyry with Tertiary granodiorite and quartz monzonite (containing disseminated pyrite and chalcopyrite) of the massive granite batholith is several thousand feet to the west.

Mineral Products: Copper

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospect  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)



Map No.: 4-8-9

Mine: Prospect

Location: T. 5S  
R. 21E

Sec. 33  
SE

Lat. 32-56-56N  
Long. 110-11-31W  
Elev. 3880 Ft.

Geology:

Prospect located in coarse-grained porphyritic andesite flow comprising lower unit of the Tertiary Galiuro Volcanics. Andesite flows in region are commonly vesicular in their upper portion. Contact of andesite porphyry with massive granite batholith (Tertiary), containing disseminated deposits of pyrite and chalcopyrite, is less than 1/4 mile to the west.

Mineral Products: Unknown. Copper prospects in vicinity.

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect.

References:

USBM Files, Prospect  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)



Map No.: 4-8-11

Mine: Prospects

Location: T. 6S  
R. 21E

Sec. 01  
SW

Lat. 32-56-13N  
Long. 110-09-29W  
Elev. 3850 Ft.

Geology:

Prospects located on or near NE-trending fault in the lower andesite flow unit of the Tertiary Galiuro Volcanics. Exposures of this coarse-grained porphyritic andesite flow are numerous in the vicinity and are commonly vesicular in their upper portions. Fault dips 35°NW.

Mineral Products: Unknown (Adjacent to Spar Fluorspar Group)

Development and Production: Exploration prospect, surface cuts. Extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospects  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)



Map No.: 4-8-13

Mine: Prospect

Location: T. 6S  
R. 21E

Sec. 7  
C N2

Lat. 32-56-04N  
Long. 110-14-20W  
Elev. 4860 Ft.

Geology:

Disseminated pyrite and chalcopyrite in altered coarse-grained early Tertiary granodiorite and porphyritic quartz monzonite. Prospect located in massive early Tertiary granitic batholith N. of Santa Teresa Mountains, on or near major NW trending fault with downthrow on NE side. Chalcopyrite formed by replacement of granitic countryrock and has been extensively altered by oxidation.

Mineral Products: Copper: Chalcopyrite; Pyrite

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospect  
USGS Jackson Mtn. Quad (1:24000)  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
Ross, 1925, pp. 103-105

Map No.: 4-8-14

Mine: Prospect

Location: T. 7S  
R. 21E

Sec. 12  
SE

Lat. 32-50-03N  
Long. 110-08-58W  
Elev. 4600 Ft.

Geology:

Prospect located in coarse-grained porphyritic quartz monzonite (late Precambrian). Beds are locally chloritized and foliated. On or near contact between quartz monzonite and micaeous, quartzitic Pina Schist (early Precambrian). Schistosity of Pinal formation generally strikes nearly parallel to the bedding and dips in the same direction but at steeper angles.

Mineral Products: Unknown

Development and Production: Surface exploration prospect; extent of development unknown.

References:

USBM Files, Prospect  
USGS Buford Hill Quad (1:24000)  
Blacet and Miller, 1978  
Ross, 1925, p. 13-15

Map No.: 4-8-15

Mine: Moss Claims

Location: T. 7S  
R. 21E

Sec. 16  
C N2

Lat. 32-49-48N  
Long. 110-12-12W  
Elev. 5400 Ft.

Geology:

Uranium radioactivity associated with fracture planes coated by hematite in a quartz vein in porphyritic quartz monzonite (late Precambrian). Located on or near N-S trending rhyolite dike (Tertiary-Cretaceous). Foliation and parallel bedding of quartz monzonite strike N-S and dip 75° to west.

Mineral Products: Uranium (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>)

Development and Production: Exploration Prospect; surface prospect pits. Owned by Mrs. Joe Rogers (1954 - ?)

References:

USBM Files, Moss Claims  
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Map No.: 4-8-16

Mine: Denny Claims

Location: T. 7S  
R. 21E

Sec. 14  
C

Lat. 32-49-30N  
Long. 110-10-15W  
Elev. 4860 Ft.

Geology:

Prospects located in pegmatites in porphyritic quartz monzonite (late Precambrian). Radioactivity associated with iron oxides. No uranium minerals visible on surface.

Mineral Products: Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ )

Development and Production: 3 exploration prospect pits; owned and operated by W. A. McBride (1955 - ?)

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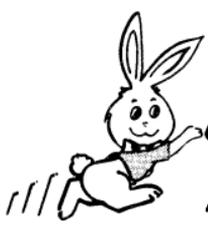


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Brief summary of geological features and known mineral occurrences

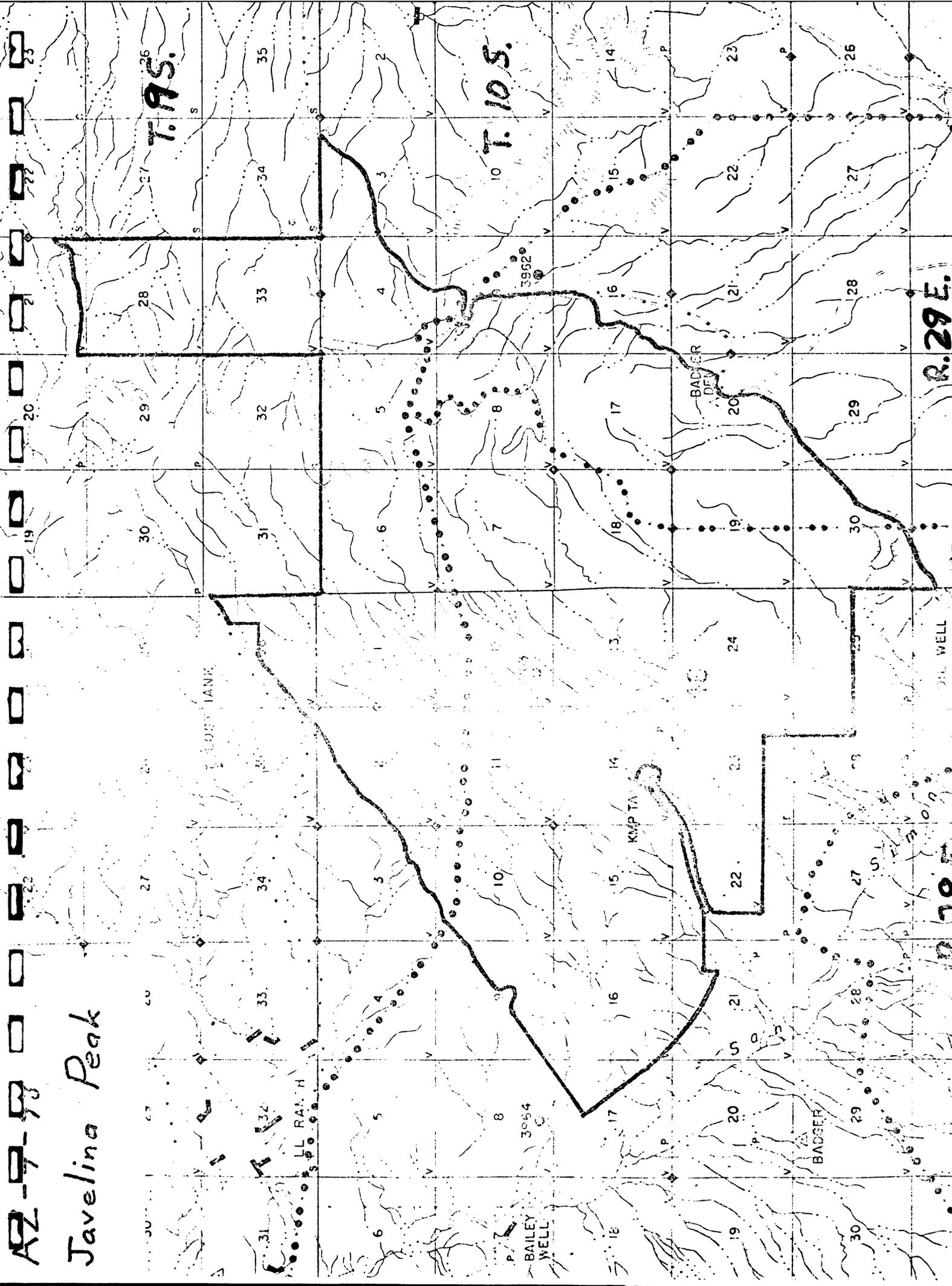
Wilderness Study Area 4-48  
Whitlock Mountains

- 1) The entire WSA is underlain by either middle Tertiary volcanics or late Tertiary-Quaternary basin-fill (sand , gravels, etc.);
- 2) The WSA does not contain any known base or precious metal occurrences. Middle Tertiary volcanic rocks around the WSA do not contain any known base and precious metal mineralization;
- 3) There are several zeolite occurrences in volcanic rocks near the northern boundary of the WSA. The significance of these is unknown;
- 4) There are zeolite and uranium occurrences in basin-fill deposits of the San Simon Valley outside of the WSA. Basin-fill underlies the western part of the WSA, but no zeolite or uranium occurrences have been reported; and
- 5) Newspaper articles of 1927 report that oil was encountered in a water well south of the WSA. These reports have not been confirmed.

For additional discussions of the mineral potential of the WSA see Richter and others (1981).

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# Javelina Peak



# KNOWN MINERAL OCCURRENCES

## WHITLOCK MOUNTAINS AREA (4-48)

### Zeolite and Uranium Deposits

The Whitlock Mountains are primarily composed of basaltic to rhyolitic volcanic rocks of Cenozoic age (16 to 30 million years). Two dome flow complexes, with eruptive centers at Powerline Pass and Dry Mountain, probably formed around 22 to 26 million years ago.

Map numbers 8-10 to 12-16 represent zeolite deposits. Zeolite minerals, principally clinoptilolite, are common secondary minerals in many of the pyroclastic flow and air-fall breccias throughout the region. Map numbers 8-10 are contained in a pyroclastic breccia zone resulting from voluminous explosive activity associated with the eruptive center at Powerline Pass; formation of breccia zones in the area followed the main period of dome-flow emplacement and was contemporaneous with the beginning of basaltic andesite volcanism. Map numbers 12-16 comprise water-laid deposits of vitric tuff that have been altered to zeolite minerals; sedimentary beds containing zeolites are intercalated with Pliocene-Pleistocene age San Simon basin-fill and lacustrine strata.

Map numbers 1-7 contain secondary uranium minerals, primarily uranophane and carnotite-type deposits. Uranium minerals coat fracture and bedding planes in late Pliocene-early Pleistocene lacustrine strata on the north flank of Dry Mountain.

An oil sand deposit (map number 11), associated with a large artesian well in lacustrine sediments south of the Whitlock Mountains, was reported in 1927. No records of further development are available.

### MAP NO. 4-48-1

Mine Royal John Group

Location T.8S      Sec. 22      Lat. 32-42-04N      Elev. 3400 ft.  
R.28E      Cen., S $\frac{1}{2}$       Long. 109-28-03W

Geology Carnotite-type mineralization in interbedded clays and tuffs in lake bed sediments of late Pliocene-early Pleistocene age.

Mineral Products Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ ): carnotite

Development and Production Prospect pit and bulldozer cuts. Claims located by George and John Lee (Gila, New Mexico).

### References

USGS Dry Mountain Quad (1:24000)  
USBM Files, Royal John Group  
Scarborough, Robert B., 1981  
USAEC, 1954, A-P-376  
Richter, et al., 1981



Geology Carnotite coating fractures and disseminated in a 12-15 ft. bed of hard greenish-brown clay of Pliocene lacustrine and paludal sedimentary sequence. Strata near the claims are anomalous over a considerable area. Uranium minerals occur in small and scattered masses within 3 separate layers (each 12-18 inches thick) in the clay. Ore body dimensions: 40 ft. wide, 400 ft. long, 4 ft. deep.

Mineral Products Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ ): uranophane; diatomite; zeolites: chabazite

Development and Production Developed by a 30 ft shaft and 3 trenches; produced 4 tons of 0.02%  $U_3O_8$  in 1955 and 9 tons of 0.11%  $U_3O_8$  in 1958. Flat Tire Shaft shows no uranium deposits below a depth of 15 ft. 52 unpatented claims located by A. H. Haralson and Sons (1955). Operated by U.S. Lime And Mining Corp., Yates Petroleum Co. of Artesia, Metals Corp. of America. Claims total 2540 acres.

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USBM Files, Flat Tire Mine  
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USAEC, 1954, A-P-378

MAP NO. 4-48-5

Mine Mermaid Mining Co. Property  
unpatented claims (moon mist, saturn, moon beam)

Location T8S      Sec. 28      Lat. 32-42-30N      Elev. 3290 Ft.  
R.28E      W $\frac{1}{2}$       Long. 109-29-37W

Geology Secondary uranium minerals coating fractures and bedding planes in Pliocene lake beds of the nw flank of Dry Mountain.

Mineral Products Clay, diatomite; uranium ( $U_3O_8$ )

Development and Production Unknown; unpatented claims extend into sections 26, 27, 33, 34, and 35 (T.8S, R.28E). Owned by U.S. Lime and Mining Corp. as of 1965.

References

ADMR card file-Mermaid Mining Co File  
BLM Mining Claims - Lead File, July 1980  
USBM Files, Mermaid Mining Co Property  
USGS Dry Mountain Quad (1:24000)  
Richter, et a., 1981

MAP NO. 4-48-6

Mine Canuk Group

Location T.8S      Sec. 26; 35      Lat. 32-42-08N      Elev. 3500 Ft.  
R.28E      SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$       Long. 109-27-39W

Geology Carnotite-type mineral coatings on fractures in opalized beds in lake sediments, tuffs and gravels of Pliocene age. Secondary uranium minerals locally occur coating bedding planes and fractures in Pliocene lacustrine strata on the north flank of Dry Mountain.

Mineral Products Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ )

Development and Production Prospect pits.

References

Scarborough, Robert B, 1981, p. 191  
Richter et al., 1981  
USGS Dry Mountain Quad (1:24000)  
USAEC, 1954, A-P-375  
USBM Files, Prospect

MAP NO. 7

Mine White Bluffs Uranium Area  
(Crunk Group; Whitlock Mines, Inc.)

Location T.8S            Sec. 33            Lat. 32-41-54N  
R.28E            NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$     Long. 109-28-49W

Geology Uranophane coatings along bedding planes and on fractures in siliceous lake beds interbedded with diatomaceous earth, bentonitic clay mudstones, and thin vitric ash-fall tuffs of Pliocene paludal sediments. Yellow stained opal lenses in diatomite and disseminated radioactivity in light-colored calcic paludal beds. Located on or near contact between lacustrine strata, and high-silica rhyolite dome-flow complex or Dry Mountain (Oligocene).

Mineral Products Uranium ( $U_3O_8$ ); diatomite; clay; bentonite

Development and Production Surface prospects, bulldozer cuts. Whitlock Mines Inc. prospected for diatomite, and leased claims in section 28, 26, 33, 34, and 35 (T.8S, R. 28E) from L. Grogg (owner) in 1976, Whitlock Mines Inc. subleased uranium deposits to Anaconda Corp.

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USAEC, 1954, A-P-330  
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USBM Files, Crunk Group  
ADMR Whitlock Mines, Inc. File  
USGS Dry Mountain Quad (1:24000)

MAP NO. 4-48-8

Mine Highline claims

Location T.9S            Sec. 20            Lat: 32-37-55N            Elev. 4680 ft.  
R.29E            5 $\frac{1}{2}$             Long: 109-23-55W

Geology Claims located within rhyodacite, dacite, andesite dome-flow-cone complex of powerline pass (late Oligocene). Fibrous zeolite minerals locally fill interclast cavities and vesicles within silicic clasts near the outer edges of a remnant of structureless pyroclastic

Geology (continued)

breccia cone. Breccia cone is overlain by thin (less than 5 m.) glassy flows, flow breccias and agglutinates, probably of rhyodacite composition.

Mineral Products Clinoptilolite occurrence

Development and Production Prospect; extent of development is unknown.

References

BLM Mining Claims - lead file 22949 July 1980  
USBM Files, Highline Claims  
Richter, et.al, 1981

MAP NO. 4-48-9

Mine Cave

<u>Location</u>	T9S	sec. 32	Lat. 32-36-32N	Elev. 4620 ft.
	R29E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Long. 109-24-14W	

Geology Cave is located in massive nonbedded vent breccia, between a contact zone to the west of vent breccia and massive hornblende-biotite rhyodacite dome, and a contact zone to the east of vent breccia and massive pyroclastic breccia (Oligocene) composed almost entirely of secondary zeolite minerals. Pyroclastic (rhyolitic to rhyodacitic) breccia zone to the east contains occasional blocks almost wholly replaced by clinoptilolite (secondary zeolite mineral)

Mineral Products Unknown; clinoptilolite occurs in vicinity.

Development and Production Exploration prospect, underground. Extent of development is unknown.

References

USBM Files, Cave  
Richter, et al, 1981  
USGS Javeline Peak Quad (1:24,000)

MAP NO. 4-48-10

Mine Cave

<u>Location</u>	T95	Sec. 32	Lat. 32-36-08N	Elev. 4730 ft.
	R.29E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Long. 109-24-07W	

Geology Cave located on contact zone between massive rhyolite flow associated with Javelina Peak (Oligocene) and porphyritic quartz latite flow of the Whitlock Mountain range (Oligocene). Situated on or near NW-SE trending basaltic andesite dike (Miocene - Oligocene (20-30 my); Richter, et al, 1981). Maximum flow thickness about 210 m. with 0-60m basal vitrophyre and flow breccias; source unknown. Rare inclusions of fluorite (less than 2%) in quartz flow groundmass, ore minerals unknown.

Mineral Products Unknown; clinoptilolite occurs in vicinity.

Development and Production Exploration prospect, underground. Extent of development is unknown.

References

USBM Files, Cave  
Richter, et. al, 1981  
USGS Javelina Peak Quad (1:24000)

MAP NO. 4-48-11

Mine Whitlock Oil Company Drillings

Location T. 10S      Sec. 36      Lat. 32-31-26N      Elev. 3440 ft.  
          R. 28E      SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$       Long. 109-25-20W

Geology Newspaper articles of 1927 report the following information:  
22.5 ft. thick oil sand deposit below 1400 vertical ft. of alternating layers of sand, shales, and clays (Pliocene-Pleistocene). Sands containing oil capped by a conglomerate consisting of gravel cemented by lime. Oil drilling at the 1200 ft. level encountered a large artesian well which brought a heavy proportion of oil to the surface.

Mineral Products crude oil potential

Development and Production Oil drilling conducted by Pinal Oil Co., under lease from Whitlock Oil Co., in 1927. Oil encountered in main drill hole at a depth of about 1427 ft. No records of production or continuation of operations after initial drilling. Whitlock Oil Co. claimed 70,000 acres of land 15 - 17 miles north of Bowie.

References

ABGMT Clippings, Whitlock Oil Company  
USGS Javelina Peak Quad (1:24000)

MAP NO. 4-48-12

Mine San Simon Zeolite Deposits - Union Carbide Non-metallic Exploration Corp.  
(EZ Claims, Cab Claims, Bowie Chabazite Deposit)

Location T. 11S, R. 28E, Sec. 01,12,13,18,20,28,30,33 (EZ Claims)  
          T. 11S, R. 29E, Sec. 13,17,18,19,20,28,29,33  
          T. 12S, R. 29E, Sec. 01,02,03,04,10,11,12  
Ore Body: Lat. 32-26-49N, Long. 109-21-04W      Elev. 3420 ft.

Geology Zeolites, consisting primarily of the minerals chabazite, erionite, and clinoptilolite, occur in bedded altered silicic tuff deposits (Miocene) in an unnamed Tertiary lacustrine formation. Extensive and highly pure (more than 90% zeolite) beds form thin flat layers 0-15 inches thick; beds are underlain by a thick deposit of conglomerates, quartz-feldspar silt, and fine-grained plastic clay material containing some montmorillonite and bentonite, and overlain by 3-4 ft. of partially altered volcanic ash. Some bed layers are nearly monomineralic. Minor amounts of halite, thenardite, and iron oxides associated with sodic-rich zeolites.

Mineral Products Zeolites: chabazite, erionite, clinoptilolite, analcime, hershelite, gmelinite

Development and Production Union Carbide Corp. property consists of over 200 claims totalling about 4000 acres; Claims are single placer claims of 20 acres (660 ft by 1320 ft.). Development included exploration rotary drilling on each claim to depths of 70 feet open cuts to expose zeolitized volcanic ash bed (maximum of 60 feet overburden), strip mining of flat zeolitized layers. Area has been commercially exploited since 1968. Individual placer claims were located in 1961.

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USGS Javelina Peak Quad (1:24000)

MAP NO. 4-48-13

Mine San Simon Zeolite Deposits - BMS Associates Property  
(Genie Claims, Courthouse Claims, Norton Abrasives Property)

Location T.11S R.29E Sec. 21 (center), 28 Ore Body: Lat. 32-27-51N  
T.11S R.28E Sec. 13, 14, 18 Long. 109-23-20W

Geology See San Simon Zeolite Deposits - Union Carbide Non-Metallic Exploration Corp. and NRB Mining Co. Inc. claims for regional geological description.

Mineral Products Zeolites

Development and Production Prospect; extent of development unknown. Anaconda Corp. owns a portion of the Genie Claims in section 28 (T.11S, R.29E). Property overlaps with Union Carbide Corp. claims.

References

USBM Files, Genie Claims  
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BLM Mining Claims Lead File 56580, July 1980  
ADMR Ez Mine File (map)  
USGS Bowie Quad (1:62500)



MAP. NO. 4-48-16

Mine W.R. Grace Co. Claims

Location T.12S      Sec. 0Z      Lat. 32-25-12N      Elev. 3440 ft.  
          R. 29E                      Long. 109-21-25W

Geology See: San Simon Zeolite Deposits for regional geological description.  
          Zeolitized beds in altered silicic tuff deposits (Miocene).

Mineral Products Zeolites

Development and Production Unknown.

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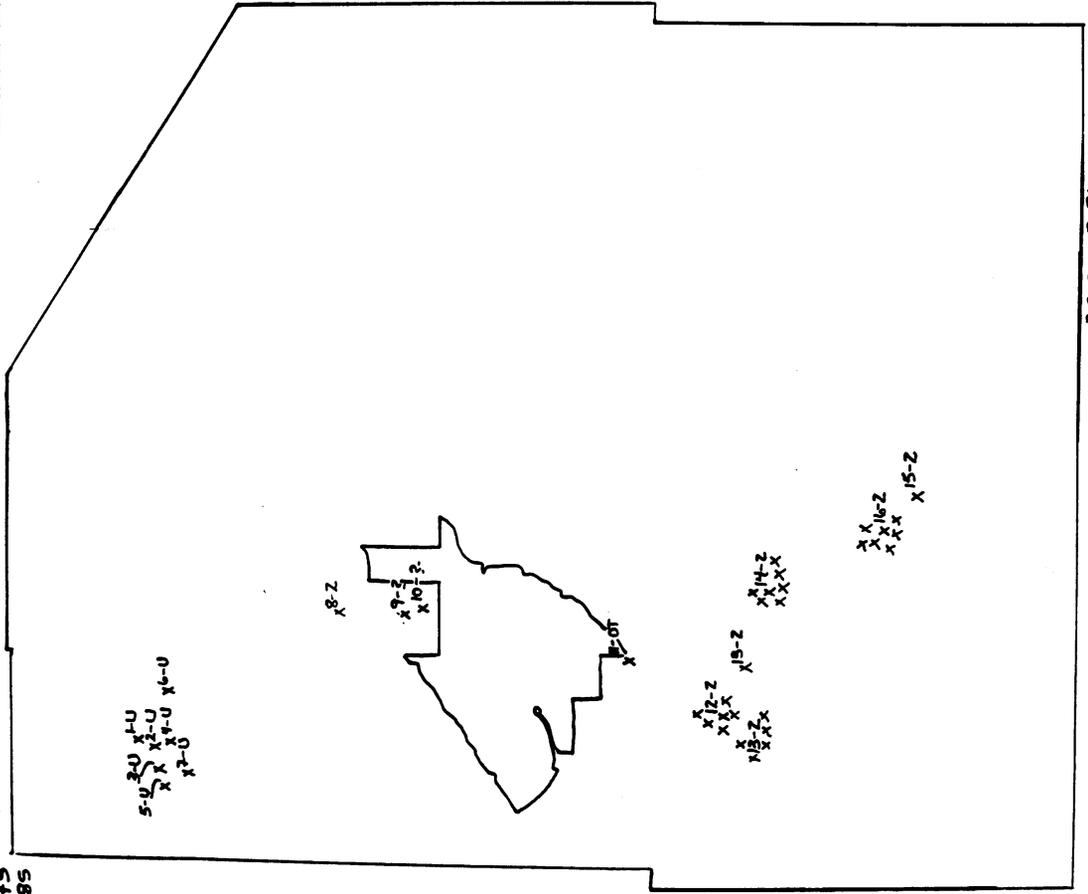
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### EXPLANATION

Known mineral occurrences are located by map number, followed by type of mineral deposit. See accompanying table of mineral occurrences.

- X<sup>U</sup> uranium, chiefly uranophane and Carnotite-type deposits
- X<sup>Z</sup> zeolites, chiefly clinoptilolite
- X<sup>OT</sup> oil test
- X<sup>?</sup> unknown; clinoptilolite occurs in vicinity

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| <p>Qa<br/>Q1g</p>              | <p>Younger alluvium; unconsolidated silt, sand, and gravel.</p> <p>Sedimentary deposits; mostly alluvium on stream terraces, fan aprons, and pediments; colluvium on hill slopes; and eolian and lacustrine deposits in intermontane regions. Includes Gila Conglomerate, local clay gypsum, marl, limestone, diatomite, and some intercalated basalt flows and felsic tuff beds.</p>   |
| <p>Tc<br/>Tb<br/>Tv<br/>Tl</p> | <p>Conglomerates with intercalated mafic to intermediate flows and felsic tuffs.</p> <p>Basalt and basaltic andesite flows and pyroclastic deposits; locally includes felsic volcanic rocks and volcanitlastic rocks.</p> <p>Rhyolite and dacite flows, domes and pyroclastic deposits; locally includes sedimentary rocks and mafic volcanic rocks.</p> <p>Intrusive rocks, including granitic plutons and aphanitic to porphyritic plugs and dikes.</p> |

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