

VISIT TO "VICTORIA MINE", ROCHER DEBOULE RANGE - 9 JULY 1975

On July 9th I visited the Victoria property located in the Rocher Deboule Range. Also along on the visit were Jim Hutter, Sen., Jim Hutter, Jun., Jim Lovestrom, and Mike Hutter and David North.

The turn-off from Highway 16 is about 1/2 mile to 3/4 mile west from Seely Lake. On the dirt road, one takes the second road to the left (overhang tree). Shortly after turning here one will see Comeau's ranch on the right-hand side. The road is very old and one has to take their time. An old shaft and portal were observed on the left-hand side of the road on the way up before hiking (old CAP property?). In the vicinity, where the road ends, there has been considerable trenching in a very rusty porphyritic flow (Brian, Boru, Fmn?).

We hiked up the old trail to the cabins. The first part of the trail is obscured by the more recent (1960's) trenching but if one follows up the hill he will eventually get onto the trail. Jim Hutter, Jun. has "renovated" the remaining cabin and will stay there while mapping for a thesis and high-grading.

I observed all "showings" on the steep hillside except the adit shown as Elev. 5065 ft. The odd sample of sulpharsenides was taken from dumps and talus slopes. Actually very little ore was seen as no dumps exist. I did not enter any adits. I walked up to the crest of the ridge and observed the old tram line.

Adit elev. 5065 ft. was opened and entered by "the Jim's". Adit No. 2

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(elev. 5265 ft.) was opened and entered by myself. Adit No. 1 (elev. 5510 ft.) was partly caved (dug out this year by Jim Hutter, Jun.) and was entered by "the Jim's". The No. 0 and 00 adits were not observed. An adit near the crest (No. 00?) was observed to be covered in snow. (Old anvil and sacks of coal outside).

[See file description for VICTORIA].

SAMPLES COLLECTED

- V-1 - High-grade arsenopyrite vein with cobalt bloom in hornblende. From uppermost (No. 00?) adit (anvil).
- V-2 - Banded light purple and green (diopside?) from talus.
- V-3 - Hornblende with minor cobalt block from crest cut.
- V-4 - High-grade (arsenopyrite-sulpharsenide) vein from No. 1 adit.
- V-5 - Grab with "blotchy" arsenopyrite and cobalt bloom in hornblende.
- V-6 - Well formed orthorhombic-monoclinic crystals of arsenopyrite (danaite?) + cobalt bloom in hornblende.