

Past and Future of Mining in the Region



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Key Points

Specific to Grant County and the surrounding regions

Geological history that has resulted in rich mineral resources (S. Kelley, M. Zimmerer)

(Cu, Ag, Au, Pb, Zn, Fe)

A long history of mining

Mining has been an important economic driver for the area

Still holds great mineral reserves and potential for undiscovered deposits

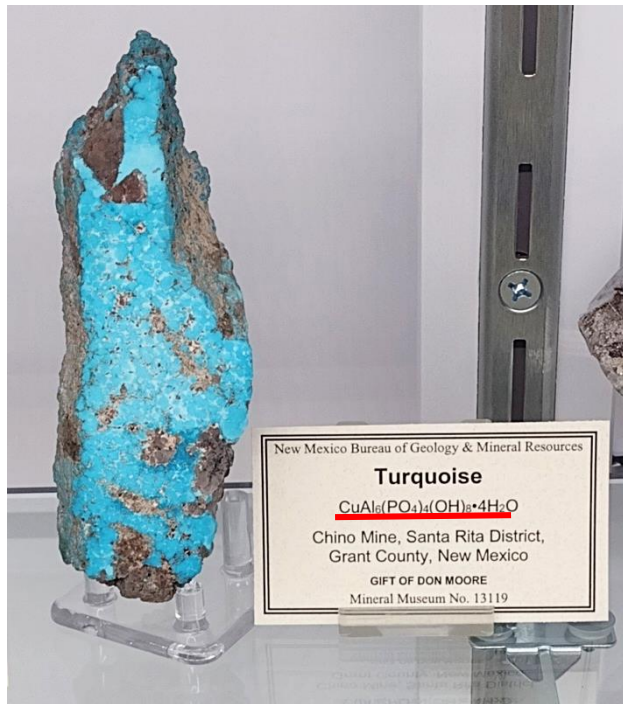
Active development of and exploration for mineral resources

Societal needs for mineral resources are increasing due to population growth and new technologies

US centric development of mineral resources increasing due to geopolitics

New Mexico has some of the oldest mining areas in the United States

Native Americans mined turquoise & copper in the Tyrone and Santa Rita districts since c. 600 AD. (McLemore, 2008)



Turquoise & Copper specimens
New Mexico Mineral Museum
NMBGMR



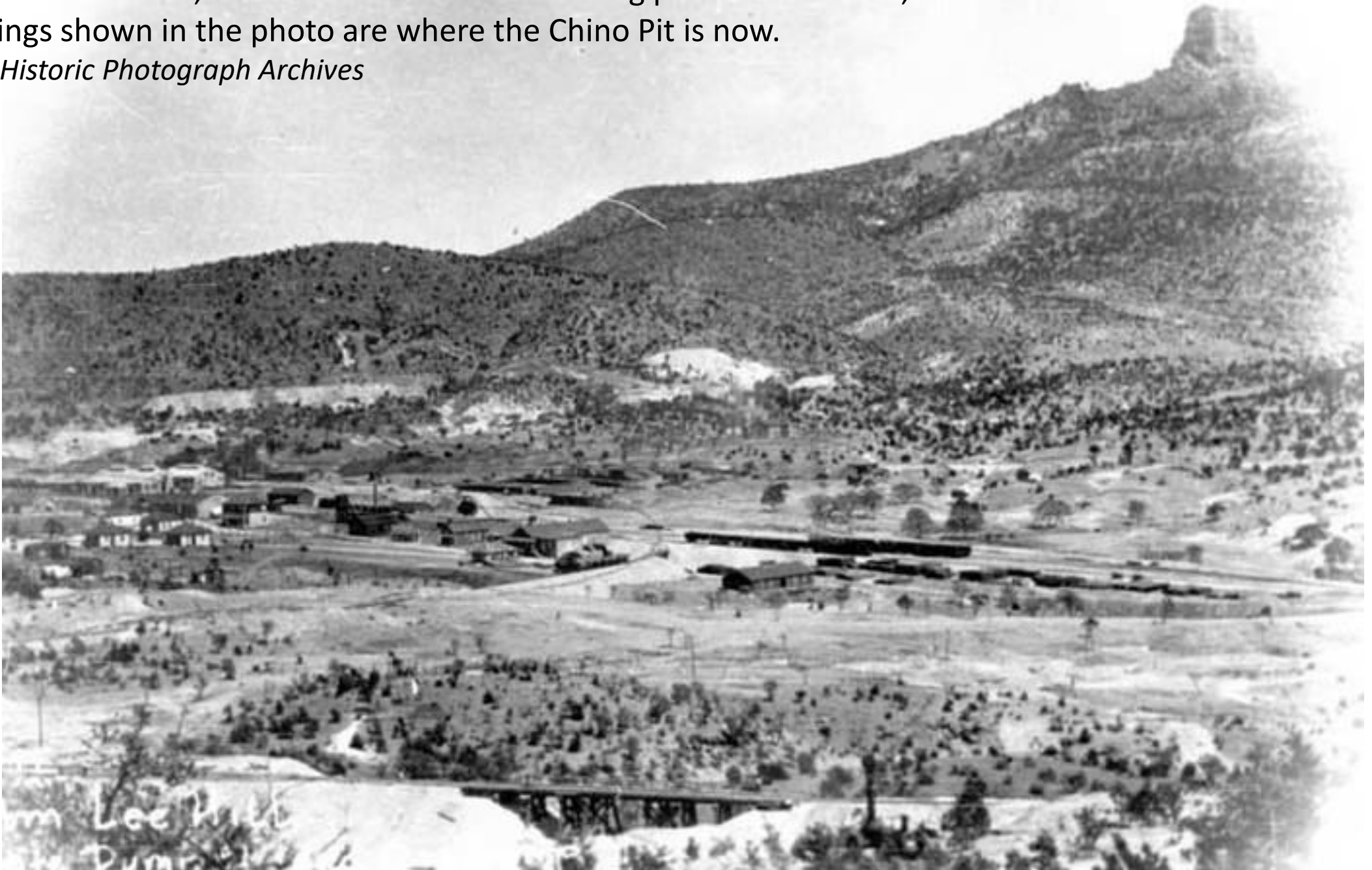
Santa Rita del Cobre



Drawing by Carl Hawk

1799: José Manuel Carrasco, lieutenant colonel in the Spanish colonial army, being shown Cu ore by Apaches
1st mining claim was staked in 1801, mining commenced in 1803 by Manuel Elguea. *NMBGMR Historic Photograph Archives*

Panorama of Santa Rita, New Mexico before the mining pit was excavated, ca 1910.
The buildings shown in the photo are where the Chino Pit is now.
NMBGMR Historic Photograph Archives





Miner climbing a *muescas*

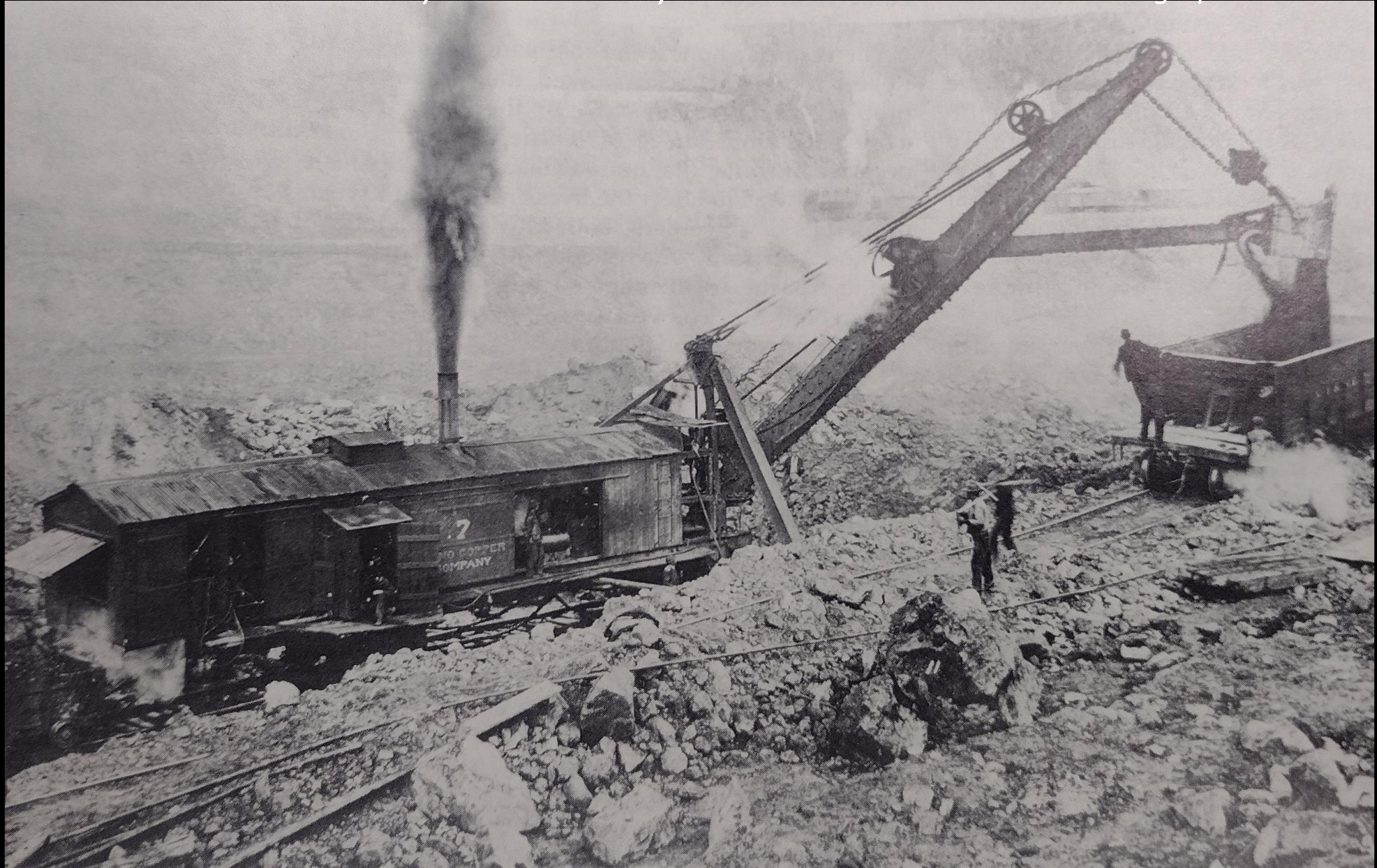
Earliest mining, pre 1860, was all by hand and predated the railroads so only ores with 50% Cu or more were mined.





Arrastre in action at Piños Altos (gold deposit) New Mexico, 1892. *NMBGMR Historic Photograph Archives*

Marion shovel loading copper ore into railroad in the Chino mine at Santa Rita, New Mexico, ca 1916. *NMBGMR Historic Photograph Archives*



Chino Mine

Chino mine is an open-pit copper mining complex about 15 miles east of Silver City, in Grant County, NM. Large-scale copper mining at Chino began in 1910 with the development of one of the first mines to utilize open-pit mining and concentrating. The original concentrator began operating in 1911 and was replaced by a new facility in 1982. Solution extraction/electrowinning (SX/EW) facilities were introduced at Chino in 1988. Chino currently operates a concentrator that produces copper concentrate and an SX/EW plant that produces copper cathode.

Chino has more than 2,200 acres of reclaimed tailings and dozens of shafts, adits and pits associated with historical small mines that have been closed and/or reclaimed.

Tyrone Mine

Tyrone mine is an open-pit copper mining complex about 10 miles south of Silver City, in Grant County, NM. Copper mining in the Tyrone area, which straddles the Continental Divide, ranks among the oldest mining in the Americas.

Underground mining and concentrating were conducted from 1916 to 1921, when operations ceased. The property restarted as a large-scale open-pit operation in 1967, producing copper concentrate. A solution extraction/electrowinning (SX/EW) facility was commissioned in 1984. Tyrone's concentrator suspended operations in 1992 when the property made the transition to only SX/EW production.

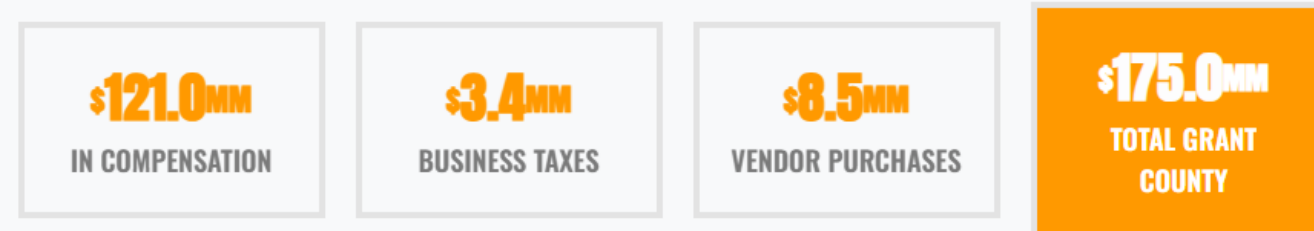
Tyrone currently has more than 4,000 acres reclaimed tailings and stockpiles.



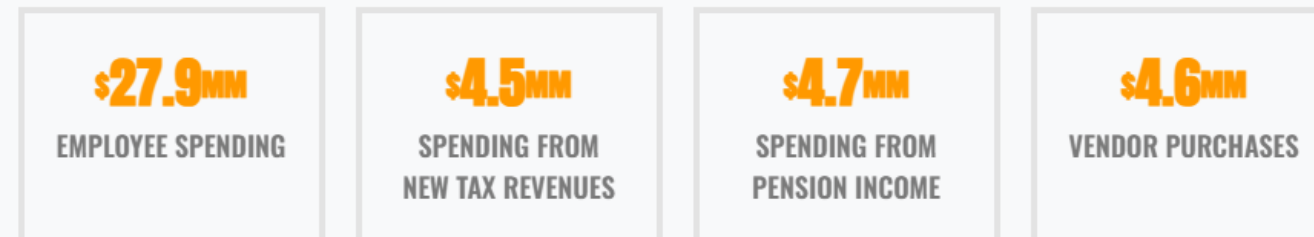
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT

Freeport-McMoRan's New Mexico mining operations are proud of the economic value we contribute to the state of New Mexico. In addition to numerous jobs, a [2023 Economic Impact Report](#) shows Chino and Tyrone mining operations generated \$175 million in economic benefits for Grant County and \$414.5 million for New Mexico.

Direct economic impact on Grant County:



Indirect economic impact on Grant County:



Tyrone Proposed Emma Expansion

Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone operations is moving forward with exploration, design and preparation of permit applications for open pit and stockpile expansions south of its existing operations. Known as the Emma Project, the new pit would encompass approximately 130 acres on private property south of the Tyrone/Thompson Road. Emma is expected to be in operation for three to five years. The operations will run 24-7, with mine vehicle equipment hauling rock from Emma back to existing operations.

Emma Expansion Project Additional Documentation:

[Viewshed Study](#)

[Light Study](#)

[Noise Study](#)

[Mining Act Application\GR010RE](#)





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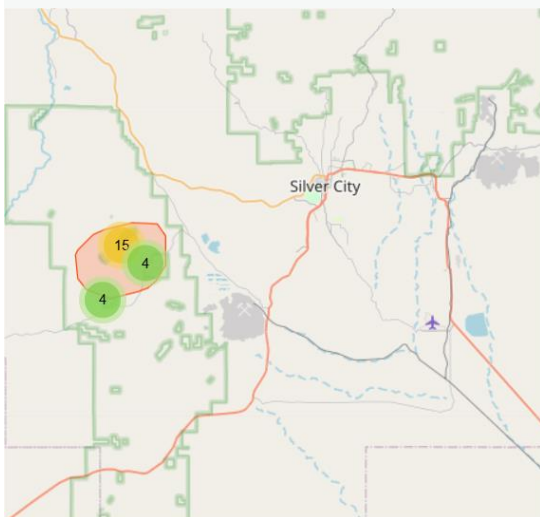
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SIERRA BLANCA, TX- (Accesswire- May 30, 2024) - Texas Mineral Resources Corp. (OTCQB: TMRC)



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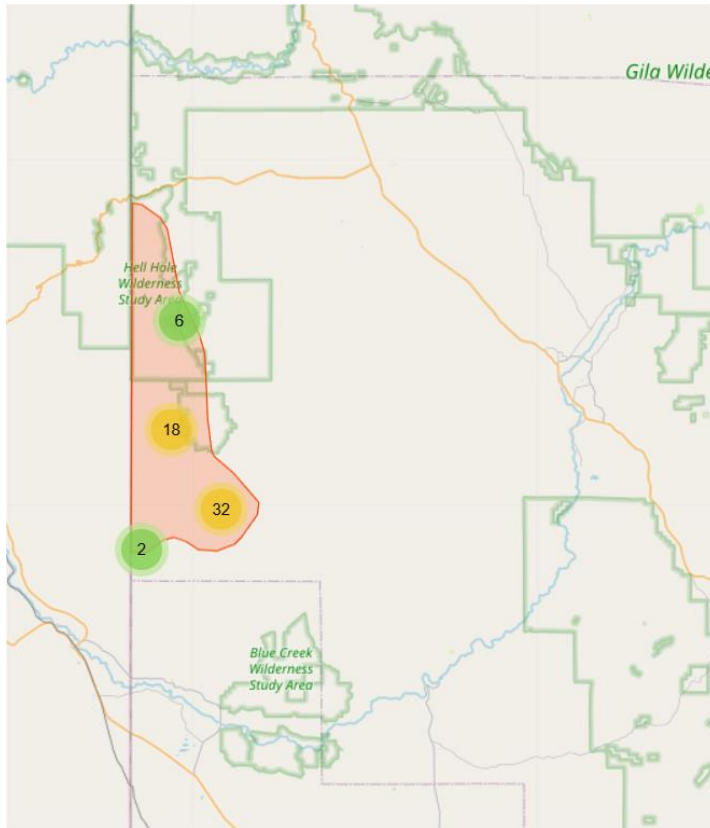
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Website

Mr. Daniel Gorski reports:

- Carlisle mine consists of three patented lode mining claims and one patented mill site in the Steeple Rock district in New Mexico.
- Carlisle mine acquired for a \$75,000 one-year non-interest-bearing promissory note.
- Gold production occurred during 1880-1889, producing a recorded \$4,000,000, at \$20/oz Gold, from recorded 112,000 tons.
- The Carlisle mine produced copper-lead-zinc during the Second World War - 1942-46

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas, Dec. 03, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Texas Mineral Resources Corp.** (OTCQB: TMRC) ("TMRC" and "Company") is pleased to announce that it has acquired four patented mining claims totaling sixty-three acres known as the Carlisle mine in the Steeple Rock district of New Mexico.





Mogollon Project



About the Project

The Mogollon Project is located 120 km from Silver City in southwestern New Mexico. It covers an extensive, silver-gold bearing epithermal vein field. Between 1904 and 1925 the district is reported to have produced 13.1M ounces of Ag and 271k ounces of Au from 1.39M tons of rock¹. Production stopped in 1942 due to the wartime cessation of all gold and silver mining in the United States.



Oro Polymetallic Project, New Mexico

The 2,700-hectare Oro property consists of eight patented mining claims and 334 BLM-administered Federal lode mining claims, covering the majority of the historic Eureka Mining District in Grant County, New Mexico.



Several historic mines within the Eureka Mining District produced copper, lead, zinc, silver, and gold from the amalgamated property which covers a large, well-zoned Laramide-age mineral system consisting of an unexposed Cu-Mo porphyry system, flanked by a ring of Ag-Pb-Zn Carbonate Replacement Deposits (CRDs) and distal disseminated Au occurrences outboard of the replacement deposits. Current exploration on the property is focused on the discovery and development of world-class Cu-Mo porphyry and replacement deposits.