

Chaffee County

Futurity - Bassam Ridge District

The Futurity - Bassam Ridge District is an informal name applied for this publication by the authors. Several mines were investigated at the site of Futurity. These consist of small veins in black to gray calcareous and carbonaceous siltstone and fine sandstone, interpreted as a black shale environment near the contact of the Belden and Minturn Formations by Wallace and Lawson (1998). Their analyses show anomalous gold, copper and silver.

Additional prospects occur to the north along Bassam Ridge, mapped by Wallace and Keller as Leadville Limestone and Kerber Formation. The prospects appear to concentrate in an intraformational breccia. Nearby are some piles of dump material of black shale at the location appropriately known as Black Dumps, on the Park-Chaffee County line.

References:

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