

# Huerfano County

## La Veta District

Vanderwilt (1947) reports a small amount of placer gold production from Wahatoya Creek and small tributaries to the Apishapa River. The source of the gold has not been identified. Lode deposits with silver, copper, zinc and tetrahedrite are reported. The geology consists of metasediments in contact with the intrusive rocks with some veins in the augite diorite of the intrusive rocks themselves. To the north, in the LaVeta Pass area, copper, uranium and vanadium have been reported in redbed sequences along the east flank of the Sangre de Cristo Range. In the files of the Colorado Geological Survey, Atomic Energy Commission Preliminary Reconnaissance Reports document elevated concentrations of those three commodities. Up to 3.6 per cent  $V_2O_5$ , 3.5 per cent copper and 0.3 to 0.36 per cent  $U_3O_8$  are reported in some of the documents.

Mines in the District (Mindat.org)

- [Black Jack No. 2 Claim](#)
- [Bullseye Mine](#)
- [Dallas Dottie Prospect](#)
- [Independent Claim](#)
- [Occidental Claim](#)
- [Unnamed Silver Prospects \(MRDS - 10011627\)](#)
- [Unnamed Silver Prospects \(MRDS - 10087404\)](#)
- [Washout Claim \(Price Ranch\)](#)
- [Wayatoya Creek Placer](#)

Minerals cited (Mindat.org)

<a href="#">Bornite</a>	<a href="#">Copper</a>	<a href="#">Gold</a>	<a href="#">Tetrahedrite</a>
<a href="#">Calcite</a>	<a href="#">Covellite</a>	<a href="#">Metazeunerite</a>	<a href="#">Uraninite</a>
<a href="#">Carnotite</a>	<a href="#">Cuprite</a>	<a href="#">Quartz</a>	
<a href="#">Chalcocite</a>	<a href="#">Digenite</a>	<a href="#">Siderite</a>	
<a href="#">Chalcopyrite</a>	<a href="#">Galena</a>	<a href="#">Sphalerite</a>	

### References:

Preliminary Reconnaissance Reports File Numbers *1956, 1958a, 1960a, 1961, 1962* (1952 and 1953), U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; Colorado Geological Survey files, Golden CO.

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