

Summit County

Robinson District

There is no clear boundary between the Robinson District and the **Kokomo District**. The Robinson District was included in the **Consolidated Tenmile District** by both Henderson (1926) and Vanderwilt (1947). Bergendahl and Koschmann (1971) didn't recognize the Robinson District, but included the entire area south of Copper Mountain in the **Kokomo-Tenmile District**. For our purposes, we will consider the Robinson in general, to lie to the south of the town of Kokomo, including the former townsite of Robinson, and to extend to Fremont Pass.

Gold was first discovered in McNulty Gulch by prospectors pushing over Fremont Pass from Leadville (Gilliland, 2006). The finds included the Justice Lode between McNulty and Gilpin Gulches. The town of Robinson was founded by George Robinson and was a large population center for a short time, the home of large milling and smelting capacity, with some 2000 occupants in 1880-81 (Eberhart, 1969).

The original Robinson holdings date back to late 1878. Mineralization occurred in limestone beds of the Minturn Formation, where replacement deposits created rich silver-bearing ore in three separate beds. Bergendahl and Koschmann (Ibid) quote an 1881 article in Engineering and Mining Journal stating that one of the ore bodies averaged 66.7 ounces silver per ton, but some assays exceeded 400 ounces per ton. Additional information can be found in the 1942 USGS map on the Tenmile Mining District, which has been superseded by Bergendahl and Koschmann (1971).

Most of the old Robinson District is now buried beneath tailings from the giant Climax Mine on Fremont Pass.

Mines listed in this district (Gilliland, 2006) include:

- Robinson Consolidated (included El dorado, Wilson, Felicia Grace and Champion/New York)
- Seventy-eight
- G.B. Robinson
- Smuggler
- Undine
- Grand Union
- Pirate
- Little Giant
- Big Giant, Checkmate
- Rhone
- Ten Mil

Minerals listed in the district (Bergendahl and Koschmann, 1971) include:

Pyrite	Sphalerite	Pyrrhotite	Marcasite
Galena	Chalcopyrite	Arsenopyrite	Molybdenite
Tetrahedrite	Enargite	Pearcrite (?)	Gold
Magnetite	Hematite	Fluorite	Rhodochrosite
Covellite	Cerussite	Smithsonite	Anglesite
Limonite	Pyrolusite	Psilomelane	Silver
Malachite	Azurite		

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