

Pitkin County

Difficult District (aka Difficult Creek District)

The Difficult District was identified by Henderson (1926) as lying in the southeast corner of Pitkin County near the Gunnison County line. Ore deposition is probably associated with the Difficult Creek Quartz Monzonite (Bryant, 1979). BLM mineral surveys of the area identified gold and copper with minor silver in vein deposits. The district now lies within the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness Area.

Minerals in this district include:

Chalcopyrite

Malachite

Pyrite

References:

Bryant, Bruce. 1979. Geology of the Aspen 15-minute Quadrangle, Pitkin and Gunnison Counties, Colorado. U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1073.

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