

San Juan County

Ice Lake Basin District (aka Ice Lake District)

Vanderwilt (1947) mentions the Ice Lake Basin District as adjoining the Ophir District in San Miguel County along the South Fork of Mineral Creek. Mindat.org also includes the district. It is mentioned in Worcester's paper on molybdenum occurrences (Worcester, 1919).

According to Eberhart (1969) and Dunn (2003), the leading mines were the Esmerelda and the Bandora. The former continued working long after the rest of the district declines.

Mines listed in the district (mindat.org; Eberhart, 1969; Dunn, 2003) include:

- Bandora
- [Black Diamond Occurrence \(2\)](#)
- [Burbank](#)
- [Diamond](#)
- [Emma; Oregon and Galena](#)
- [Ensle Tunnel Occurrence](#)
- Esmerelda
- [Golden Gate](#)
- [Kinney Tunnel \(Mineral Slope\)](#)
- [Last Hope & Grandview G. \(Columbus - Grandview\)](#)
- [Lucy \(Last Hope; Lake\)](#)
- [Waco](#)

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