

NAME OF PROPERTY
NOM DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ MAY BLOSSOM (MAYFLOWER), FREE SILVER

OBJECT LOCATED Adit on Map 1144 A
OBJET LOCALISÉ

UNCERTAINTY 600 m Lat. 49°16' Long. 117°14'50"
FACTEUR D'INCERTITUDE Lat. Long.

Mining Division Nelson District
Division minière District

County Township or Parish
Comté Canton ou paroisse

Lot Concession or Range
Lot Concession ou rang

Sec. Tp. R.
Sect. Ct. R.

OWNER OR OPERATOR/PROPRIÉTAIRE OU EXPLOITANT

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT/DESCRIPTION DU GISEMENT

Rocks underlying the property include Jurassic sedimentary and volcanics of the Hall and Rosslund Formations intruded by small stocks of Nelson plutonic rocks (Lower Cretaceous ?) and Eocene(?) monzonite of the Coryell intrusives. A series of parallel quartz veins and stringers occur in the sediments and monzonite. Galena occurs as narrow stringers with assays up to 40 oz/t silver and low gold values. Molybdenite was reported from one vein. A few hundred pounds of manganese ore was reported shipped in 1915 but its source location is not reported.

HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
HISTORIQUE DE L'EXPLORATION ET DE LA MISE EN VALEUR

The property is located at 4 500 feet elevation on the west side of the Salmo River, 3.5 km southwest of Ymir.

The Free Silver claim (Lot 2902) was staked in June 1896 by J.M. McLaren and Crown-granted in 1902 to P.W. Thompson and associates. Adjacent ground was subsequently staked as the Ruby, Silver Fr., Victor, Royal, and Galena claims (Lots 2904 - 2906, 5322, 4553 respectively). Further activity was reported in 1908 and 1915 when the property was owned by T. Bennett, J.H. Schofield and associates; the only work reported is trenching.

The May Blossom claim (Lot 5666), which adjoins and lies east of the Free Silver claim, was staked in May 1897 by W. Birmingham. Subsequent staking included the May Day (Lot 13468), May Flower, Big Diamond, and Electric claims. Early development work was by American interests under the name May Blossom Mining & Milling Company. By 1915, the claims were held by J.F. Harbottle and associates. Development work to date included a 40 feet vertical shaft and 225 feet adit on the May Blossom claim.

Washington interests, under the name Gibraltar Mining Company, optioned the May Blossom and Free Silver groups in 1921 but no work was reported. Harbottle and associates held the May Blossom group until 1930 or later.

The Free Silver claim was owned in 1977 by R. Spain, of Trail; prospecting of old trenches was reported.

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HISTORY OF PRODUCTION/HISTORIQUE DE LA PRODUCTION

No production is recorded. Some High-grade ore was reportedly being sacked in 1912. A few hundred pounds of manganese ore was reported shipped. (Report of Minister of Mines, 1915, p. 155).

REFERENCES/BIBLIOGRAPHIE

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- Map 175 A, Ymir, (Geol.), Sc. 1": 1 mile, accomp. Memoir 94.
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REMARKS/REMARQUES

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