

MINING IN THE MCCARTHY PRECINCT,
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Mining operations in the McCarthy Precinct during 1926 were confined to the placer and lode properties previously worked.

The placer camps on Dan, Youngs, and Chitittu Creeks were operated as usual, employing an aggregate of sixty men. Some sniping was done by individual claim owners on Dan Creek, who have been encouraged by the building of the Nizina River bridge and the extending of the wagon road toward Dan Creek.

The copper properties of the Kennecott Company operated at full capacity. An unusual amount of development work in the shape of diamond drilling and drifting was done. No new ore of any note was encountered. 27-87-60

At the Erie Mine, work was confined to deepening the shaft and mining in one small stope, which yielded a small tonnage. No ore of any importance was found. 77-60

The Jumbo Mine carried forward development work and a small amount of mining, most of which was confined to the breaking of pillars and sniping in old stopes. No new ore was encountered. 87-60

The Bonanza mine is considered to be practically worked out. 1926 operations consisted of a small amount of mining in 1090 stope and sniping in some of the old stopes. 27-60

At the Mother Lode Mine the shaft was deepened to the 2500 ft. level. Explorations continued on the bottom levels and on the 400 ft. level. Mining was carried forward from the 1250 to the 1800 level. On the 1800 sub-level, a small body of chalcocite ore was encountered in the upper lime beds. This discovery is noteworthy for the fact that it is the first occurrence of ore that has been found in these beds at any of the mines and therefore enlarges the possibilities of future developments. 27-60

The outlook for an indefinite continuation of operations at the Kennecott Mines is not encouraging and 1926 operations have been necessarily greatly curtailed. A vast amount of ore still remains, both broken and unbroken in the old stopes.

The Green Butte Mine was not operated during the year, only a watchman being maintained at the property. 81-60

At the Westover property a small amount of development work was done. This property was formerly held by the Chitina Development Company. Reference is made to the mine by F. H. Moffit, in U. S. Geological Survey Bulletin 662. During 1916, eight hundred tons of 35% copper ore was shipped to the smelter from this property. 27-60