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Beaverhead Co.

Ajax mine

Mrs. George VanDelinder
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Dear Mrs. VanDelinder:

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Reference to the Ajax mine, which is in the Bitter-roots, suggests that the mine for which your patron seeks information is in that range rather than the mountains east of Jackson. U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 574, Mining Districts of the Dillon Quadrangle, Montana, and Adjacent Areas, by A. N. Winchell (1914) mentions the Ajax mine briefly, and also describes the Jahnke mine at the head of Swede Creek about 20 miles south-southwest of Jackson and three other mines on Bloody Dick Creek still farther southwest of Jackson.

We are now processing the manuscript of a report on Beaverhead County; it mentions the Jackson mine near the head of Miner Creek about 15 miles southwest of Jackson, the Pioneer mine, also about 15 miles southwest of Jackson, and the Ranger mine, about 13 miles west of Jackson.

From the reference to Cowbone Lake, we believe that the mine may be the Dark Horse, described by Winchell on p. 77 of Bulletin 574, cited above. The report is out of print, but you probably can borrow a copy on interlibrary loan through the Montana State Library Commission.

Sincerely,

Ralph H. King, Chief
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