

SNYDER MINE

The Snyder Mine is located in the eastern slopes of the Santa Rita Mountains and is adjacent to and on the south side of FR-4085 midway between FR-4113 and FR-4110. During its life, the Snyder Mine went by several names. A few of these names are: Conglomerate Mine, Anderson Mine, Limestone High Mine and Silver Moon Mine, The Snyder Mine was a relatively large complex consisting of six major openings.

1. The main haulage adit had an opening five-foot by six-foot, was over 500 feet long and was connected to all of the other mine openings. It was estimated that it produced about 1500 tons of ore.
2. The second opening was a secondary haulage adit with a four-foot by six foot opening and was over 200 feet long. It connected with the main haulage adit and was estimated to have produced about 500 tons of ore.
3. The third opening was a shaft operation with a ten-foot by ten-foot opening and was over one hundred feet deep. It was estimated to have produced about 500 tons of ore.
4. The fourth opening was a twenty-foot by thirty-foot shaft and was over one hundred feet deep. It was estimated to have produced about 500 tons of ore.
5. The fifth opening was a ten-foot by twelve-foot shaft and was over 195-feet deep. It was estimated to have produced about 500 tons of ore.
6. The sixth opening was also a shaft operation. It had an opening of thirty-feet by twenty-feet and was over one hundred feet deep. It was estimated to have produced about 500 tons of ore. This shaft had a 36-inch diameter steel pipe in its center that was used as an airshaft and as an ore bucket conductor race.



Interior of Main Adit



The Opening of one of the Shafts



Stone Storage Structure
(No Longer in Existence)

The main constituents of the ore were lead and silver with traces of gold, zinc and copper. The mine has been abandoned for a considerable time and none of the original support structures are in existence.

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Remains of the Ore Loading Dock