

## [Pontiac Chief Placer]

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Small Metal Mining Questionnaire

TOPIC:

COUNTY: Mineral

WORKER: Mabel C. Olson

DATE: June 9, 1939

Miners at Work

1. Name of mine: Pontiac Chief Placer
2. Type of mine (placer, quartz, etc.): Placer
3. Approximate distance from Superior: 12 miles
4. Location (locate as closely as possible with reference to creeks, gulches, towns, roads, etc.):

Three miles southeast of Cobden, on the Verde Creek road, which connects with Highway No. 10 just west of Cobden. Two miles up Verde Creek.

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5. Principle components of ore (gold, silver, lead, zinc):

Gold

6. Number of men employed: Two at present. Two others to be put on soon.

7. Name of person in charge of work at mine:

Mine is leased by J. Kempshell and H. C. McCullough.

8. Miscellaneous data:

The mine is owned by J. W. King. Mr. King is himself working a placer claim directly adjoining. The Pontiac Chief group consists of 8 claims. Mr. King can be induced to give most willingly good material about mining history. His contributions may be exaggerated and colored to place his own holdings in the best light.

9. Source of information (give location of document or name and address of persons interviewed):

"Mining Locations," Book 1, page 43, Book 3 pages 57 and 100 J. W. King, Lozeau, Montana, owner of mine and early settler who has done much to develop the mining industry of the county.