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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography provides references for each known metallic mineral district in La Paz, Mohave, and Yuma Counties in Arizona. In a mineral-district classification, known metallic mineral occurrences are grouped according to geologic and metallogenic criteria rather than the geographic associations used in the traditional mining-district approach (Keith and others, 1983a,b). Ideally, a mineral district should consist of mineral occurrences that have a common genesis. A mineral-district classification is especially useful for understanding the geologic setting of mineralization and the distribution of known mineral occurrences with similar geology. A mineral-district map, however, is by no means a statement of mineral potential because future mineral discoveries within and outside established districts will affect district boundaries. Although understanding the distribution of known mineral deposits is essential in evaluating mineral potential, many other geologic and technologic factors must also be considered (Fellows, 1984). This circular is the second in a series of county-by-county bibliographies for metallic mineral districts in Arizona. This and other circulars are based upon the work of Keith and others (1983c), but provide a more usable format and more comprehensive reference lists than the latter publication.

Nearly 900 citations are listed in this circular. For each county, a list of general county references precedes the specific references for the mineral districts. These general citations furnish information that applies to the entire county or pertains to a significant number of mineral districts within that county. The user of this bibliography is reminded to examine carefully the general county reference list when searching for information regarding a specific mineral district. Mineral districts are listed alphabetically; those with no reported production are included as well (Keith and others, 1983b; Welty and others, 1985). Citations for each mineral district are classified as either primary or secondary references. Primary references are those that provide geologic descriptions or modern geologic interpretations, whereas secondary references are most often pre-World War I articles in difficult-to-locate sources. Secondary references also include citations such as Mineralogy of Arizona, the focus of which is not the geology of a specific terrane.

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