

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 099: AML Printout #604: T160N, R88W, Section 29

Additional Legal Location: See Notes, below

Name:

Owner:

Diamond Coal Mine

George Von Neida (1909)
H.N. Peck (1910-1918)

Category: Commercial/local (possibly regional prior to 1910)

Type: Underground, drift (1909-1913); Underground, slope (1914-1918)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
90 ft.	5-6 ft.	5-6 ft.	SEBR:1910
170 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	SEBR:1912
150 ft.	4 1/2 ft.	4 1/2 ft.	SEBR:1914
50 ft.	5 ft.	4 1/2-5 ft.	SEBR:1916, 1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine had been in operation for several years by 1902 (Wilder 1902); however, the actual year that the mine was put into operation is unknown. According to the 1912 SEBR, "This mine is one of the old mines of the Kenmare district and the main entry is now so long [1,400 ft.] and crooked and the timbering is so rotten that it should be abandoned and a new entry should be driven." By 1914, "Considerable trouble [was] experienced with poor roof and heaving floors in portions of the entries." According to the 1916 SSBR, "The old works were abandoned in the spring of 1915 and the present slope driven." The last listing noted for this mine was in the 1919 CMID; however, this listing does not indicate that the mine was closed or not operating. It is not known if this mine ceased to be operated, if it was operated and not reported, or if it was operated and reported under some other name following 1919.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

- SEBR:1910 (96)
- SEBR:1912 (121)
- SEBR:1914 (59)
- SEBR:1916 (152)
- SEBR:1918 (163)
- Wilder:1902 (123-124)

Notes:

Various locational discrepancies were noted in reference to this mine:

Diamond Coal Mine (continued)

SEBR (1910, 1912): T160N, R88W, Section 9, Lot 1
SEBR (1914): T160N, R88W, Section 20, SE, SE
SEBR (1916): T160N, R88W, Section 20, SE
Section 29, Lot 1
SEBR (1918): T160N, R88W, Section 29, Lot 1

The 1910 SEBR indicates that this mine was situated 1.5 mi. east of Kenmare, North Dakota, which could be in Section 19 but could not be in Section 9. Remaining SEBRs indicate that the mine was situated about 1 mi. south of Kenmare, North Dakota, which could be in Section 20 and/or 29. Locations included in the 1916 and 1918 SEBR are included in Planning Unit 099, AML location 604 (T160N, R88W, Section 29), so the mine apparently was situated within this Planning Unit/AML location for at least a portion of the time during which it was operated; however, no information was noted to clarify where the mine was operated from 1908 through 1911.

The Vadnais Coal Mine also is located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CAL:1912(102)
CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate year
School of Mines:n.d.(12)
SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Wilder:1902(123-124)

Mine: Diamond Coal Mine

Planning Unit: 099
AML Number: 604

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1909	no data	6	2.50	3,000	yes	yes	George Von Neida
1910	300	17	2.00	2,000	yes	no	H. N. Peck
1911	300	17	2.00	2,800	yes	no	H.N. Peck
1912	174	4	2.00	2,000	yes	no	E.H. Peck
1913	114	6	2.00	1,391	yes	no	E.H. Peck
1914	168	3	2.00t	1,000t	yes	none	H.E. Peck
1915	225	4	2.00	1,725	yes	100	H.E. Peck
1916	168	5	2.00	1,702	yes	no	H.N. Peck
1917	114	3	2.75	700	yes	no	H.N. Peck
1919	125	4	no data	1,200	no data	no data	C.P. O'Neil**

*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

**Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.

t "Estimated."
