

**WARD COUNTY**

Planning Unit 100: AML Printout #293: T156N, R85W, Section 2, SW

Additional Legal Location: See Notes, below

Name:

Des Lacs Coal Mine (1910-1913)  
Foxholm Coal Mine (aka Co.) (1914-1927)

Owner:

Joe Allen (1910-1911)  
F.L. Simmons et al. (1912-1913)  
Foxholm Coal Co. (1914-1917)  
No data (remaining years)

Category: Commercial/local and regional

Type: Underground, slope (1910-1913); Underground, shaft (1915-1923);  
Underground, slope (1925-1927)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
200 ft.	10 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR:1912
80 ft.	7 ft.	6 ft.	SERR:1914
60 ft.	10 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR:1916
50 ft.	10 ft.	7 ft.	SEBR:1918

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine was opened up in the summer of 1910, "but practically no coal was mined until the winter of 1911." The 1912 SEBR also indicates "There is a great deal of water in the workings. . .the condition of the entries was very poor. I do not consider the system of mining good nor the work permanent." The 1914 SEBR indicates that the mine has not been operated since March, 1913, chiefly on account of the water, which proved difficult to handle." The 1916 SEBR indicates that the Des Lacs Coal Mine had become the Foxholm Coal Mine sometime between 1913 and 1914. The 1916 SEBR also indicates that a new shaft, equipped with an air compartment for ventilation, had been driven at the mine, and "Considerable water is encountered, which is removed by a force pump, driven from the power plant above." By 1918, the main entry of the mine extended 900 ft., and rooms were 125 ft. by 16 ft. The Foxholm Coal Co. mine apparently continued to be operated from 1917 through 1926, when pillars were being pulled back to finish up the mine." The 1926 CMID also indicates "a new slope will be put down to the coal within a short time." However, the 1927 CMID indicates that this mine had been abandoned. No further listings were noted for this mine, and it seems likely that the mine ceased to be operated following 1927.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

Des Lacs/Foxholm Coal Mine (continued)

[source:year (pages) ]

CMID:1926(55)

SEBR:1916(152-153)

Leonard et al.:1925(148)

SEBR:1918(163-164)

SEBR:1912(121)

WCB Map:1925

SEBR:1914(141)

Notes:

Various locational discrepancies were noted in reference to this mine:

SEBR (1912): T156N, R85W, Section 2, SE.

SEBR (1914): T156N, R85W, Section 2, NW, SE.

SEBR (1916, 1918): T156N, R85W, Section 2, SW, W1/2 and NW, SW

Leonard et al. (1925): T156N, R85W, Section 2, NW

It is possible, given that various mine entries were driven during the years this mine was operated, that at least the main entry of the mine could have been situated in various portions of Section 2. However, since no information was noted that indicated that the mine had moved, with the exception of the above listed locations, the mine was operated as one mine regardless of its situation in Section 2. Additionally, since the mine does appear to have been located at T156N, R85W, Section 2, SW (this Planning Unit and AML location) for part of the time that it was in operation, mine specific information has been included for the entire period this mine was in operation.

The Carlson Coal Mine also may be located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Leonard et al.:1925(148)

Magnusson:1960 (report of information recorded in 1920)

SEBR:see table, next page, for appropriate years

WCB:1925

Mine: Des Lacs Coal Mine (1910-1913)  
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Planning Unit: 100  
 AML Number: 293

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1919	230	16	no data	7,000	no data	no data	no data
1910	150	10	no data	no data	yes	no	Joe Allen
1911	280	27	2.00	2,500	yes	no	Joe Alien
1912	90	4	2.00	1,500	yes	no	F.L. Simmons et al.
1913	66	3	2.00	275	yes	no	F.L. Simmons et al.
1914	149	3	2.00t	1,000t	yes	none	Foxholm Coal Co.
1915	312	8	2.00	4,055	yes	500	Foxholm Coal Co.
1916	210	12	2.25	4,794	yes	3,500	Foxholm Coal Co.
1917	288	23	2.05	7,042	yes	3,976	Foxholm Coal Co.
1920	220	15	3.50	7,500	7,500	none	Mr. Archibald**
1921	Production figures not provided.						
1922	no report						
1923	Production figures not provided.						
1924	no report						
1925	Production figures not provided.						
1926	no data	2	3.00	1,340	1,340	none	Ludwig Carlson**
1927	150	2	2.50	1,050	1,050	none	Ludwig Carlson**
1927	"Abandoned"						

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

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

t "Estimated."