

## Lakeview (Carpenter and Brown) Mine

The Lakeview Mine lies at 10,600 feet, in a scenic lake-filled basin near the headwaters of Gable Creek. Scheelite-bearing tactite was discovered there by P.W. Carpenter in 1940, while searching for deposits similar to the nearby Tungstar and Hanging Valley mines. Though small, the ore body was high-grade, with samples running several percent  $WO_3$ . The deposit was mined intermittently from 1940 to 1943, when approximately 60 tons of hand-sorted ore was packed out with mules over a trail branching off the Tungstar Mine trail. The total hauling distance was about three miles and 3,400 vertical feet.

The property was later acquired by Pine Creek packer George Brown and Kenneth Irons, a Bishop insurance salesman. Though not a mining man, Irons speculated on several tungsten properties in the area during the 1950s boom years. Brown figured it would be easier to haul a concentrated product down the mountain unencumbered by useless waste rock. As a result in 1953 he packed milling equipment, including a jaw crusher and a gravity table, up to the property. This was used to process high-grade ore left on the dumps by previous miners. The operation became unprofitable after termination of the government stockpile program and the resulting tungsten price crash. The old mine is an interesting spot to investigate while on a hike to nearby Gable Lakes.