

Black Bear School District

The Black Bear School District was established in 1879 to serve the families of miners at the very rich Black Bear Mine. The school house was situated near the mouth of Argus Gulch, nine miles south of the junction of the Black Bear Road and the Etna-Sawyers Bar Road. It was near the now vacant Black Bear post office.

The school house is one of two remaining structures of the original community. A communal living group now occupies the Black Bear land as well as the town site.

As the mine worked out, families moved away. In 1889 the district was lapsed and made part of Sawyers Bar District, only to be reestablished in 1890, when Fred H. Tebbe undertook the instruction of mine pupils for three months at a salary of \$67.50 per month. In 1891, the teacher was Mary Nolan, with three pupils. Again the district was lapsed, in 1891.

Reference in Board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: March 24, 1879 – No description was given (3-485)

November 3, 1879 – Part of Black Bear district was taken to form the new Salmon School District. No boundary description given (3-515)

August 2, 1889 – Lapsed and made part of the Sawyers School District (4-466)

May 9, 1890 – Re-established (4-539)

Boundary description in records in Count Superintendent of Schools office.



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