Map of Butte MONTANA

As it appeared before the advent of open pit mining changed the face of the original city.

Based upon aerial photography from 1950

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More than 200 mines pierced "The Hill" (shown in colored tint) and its surrounding neighborhoods. Mine shafts literally undermined much of the central district of Butte. Some of the most famous of these mines are shown with a red triangle, and a name where space permits.

▲ Steward

An approximate outline of the Berkeley Pit is shown in orange

The Pit, opened in 1955, entirely consumed the district of Meaderville, home to Italians, Serbs, Croats, and the center of the nightclub scene in old Butte. Construction of the pit and alterations in roads caused the demolition of much of the East Side and part of Finn Town and Dublin Gulch.

Later surface mining operations, outlined in blue, consumed the district of McQueen, shown on this map, and the famous Columbia Gardens, which were off this map to the right.

The approximate areas of the old Red Light District are shown in red tint. Yellow tint marks the area of Chinatown.

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