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Patterson Creek was prospected for gold and silver as early as 1880, but the veins proved to be too low grade to work. After the discovery of tungsten there in 1903, production began in 1911, and a mill was constructed in 1912. Limited production followed during the war, but major development did not come until 1934. Activity continued until 1958, when the mine shut down and the equipment was sold. Production by then had reached \$10 million.

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