

Four Saved From Trap in Old Mine

KETCHUM, Idaho (AP) — Four miners were rescued from the Cardinal Silver Mine in remote Central Idaho Tuesday night after being trapped for nearly three hours about 600 feet underground.

None of the men were injured in the cave-in, which occurred between the area in which they were working and the mine entrance.

Three of the trapped miners were identified as Bill and Mike Williams, brothers from Bellevue, Idaho, and Bill Peterson, Hailey, Idaho. The fourth man was identified only as a Mr. Burbeck. His address was not known by Blaine County authorities.

The mine, which reopened in June, is mining lead and silver about 18 miles west of Ketchum, near Carriertown, an old ghost town.

The mine, one of the oldest in Idaho, was founded in the 1800s and had been idle for many years until Cardinal Mining Co. resumed operations.

Richard Clark, assistant superintendent of the mill, said about 12 to 16 men were working in the mine when the cave-in occurred. None of the men were caught under the falling debris, but the slide blocked their escape from the mine.

State Mine Inspector O. T. Hansen said in Boise that a rescue crew from the Silver Star — Queen mine in Bellevue was sent to help the Cardinal miners rescue the trapped men.

Walter Campbell, who headed the Silver Star rescue unit, said by the time his men reached the Cardinal mine the men were out safely.

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