Bartonite  $K_3$ Fe<sub>10</sub>S<sub>14</sub>

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Crystal Data: Tetragonal. Point Group:  $4/m \ 2/m \ 2/m$ . Anhedral masses, intergrown with pyrrhotite; rare elongated single crystals, to 50  $\mu$ m long.

Physical Properties: Cleavage:  $\{112\}$ , distinct. Fracture: Conchoidal. Hardness = 3.5 VHN = 94–120, 104 average (15 g load). D(meas.) = 3.305 D(calc.) = 3.286 Weakly magnetic.

**Cell Data:** Space Group: I4/mmm. a = 10.424(1) c = 20.626(1) Z = 2

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Coyote Peak, California, USA. 2.998 (100), 5.99 (77), 1.833 (40), 9.31 (27), 3.139 (27), 2.379 (25), 1.841 (25)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
K	9.54	10.43
Na	0.05	
Fe	51.2	49.66
Cu	0.62	
Ni	0.19	
Co	0.11	
$\mathbf{S}$	38.4	39.91
Cl	0.02	
Total	100.13	100.00

(1) Coyote Peak, California, USA; by electron microprobe, corresponding to  $(K_{2.78}Na_{0.07})_{\Sigma=2.85}$   $(Fe_{10.46}Cu_{0.10}Ni_{0.04}Co_{0.02})_{\Sigma=10.62}S_{13.46}$ . (2)  $K_3Fe_{10}S_{14}$ .

Occurrence: In clots with other sulfides and silicates in an alkalic diatreme which intruded Franciscan rocks.

**Association:** Rasvumite, djerfisherite, erdite, pyrrhotite, pyrite, sphalerite, löllingite, magnetite, nepheline, phlogopite.

Distribution: From Coyote Peak, near Orick, Humboldt Co., California, USA [TL].

Name: For Paul Booth Barton, Jr. (1930–), ore petrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Type Material: National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 149498.

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