

## **Hinsdale County**

### **Cimarron District**

The Cimarron District was one of the six districts into which the Colorado legislature divided Hinsdale County in 1893. (The others were the Galena, Sherman, Lake, Whitecross and Carson Districts.) The Cimarron is a small district with little development occupying the far northwestern corner of Hinsdale County. It includes areas from the Ouray County line at Wetterhorn Peak east to Uncompahgre Peak (Luedke, 1972). It was identified by Henderson (1926). Dunn (2003) also mentions the district, and assigned the Silver Jack and Conkling Lode to it. Mindat.org adds the Golden Eagle and Government Stamp lodes.

Wilson and Spanski (2004) have some information on the areas. The geology shows some small intrusions of 30 to 35 Ma age of monzonite to quartz monzonite (Lipman et al., 1976). The only verified production came from the Silver Jack Mine, which produced small amounts of silver and lead ore. There are some 240 unpatented claims (the Dix and Cimarron Chief claims) on molybdenum prospects on the south edge of the Matterhorn Peak stock.

Mines listed in the district (mindat.org; Dunn, 2003) include:

- Silver Jack
- Conkling Lode
- Golden Eagle
- Government Stamp Lode

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