

Huerfano County

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Dunn (2003) lists two Huerfano Districts, designated A and B. The District she terms "Huerfano B," while shown using her coordinates on the accompanying map, is considered to be part of the Malachite District, as indicated in Vanderwilt (1947).

The "Huerfano A District" is at the southern end of the county in the vicinity of the Spanish Peaks. Vanderwilt (1947) reports 168 ounces of gold, 1176 ounces of silver, 92 pounds of copper and 1067 pounds of lead were recovered from the area.

Several old mines are found in the vicinity of the West Spanish Peak. Budding and Kluender (1983) found mineralization there in veins along a shear zone and in the contact metamorphic aureole around the Spanish Peak intrusive. They report samples from an adit of the Bulls Eye Mine of 0.026 ounces per ton of gold, 2.2 ounces per ton of silver, 2.7 per cent lead and 4.4 per cent zinc.

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