

Larimer County

Steamboat Rock District

Also known as the Gray's Rock District.

The Steamboat Rock District is listed by Hill (1912) as containing copper and gold northwest of Fort Collins. Vanderwilt (1947) repeats the citation and notes copper and gold in small veins in Precambrian rock. Vanderwilt says that the district is "probably in the same general area as the Home District." For this publication, we've chosen to place the district in the area of Steamboat Rock, north of Fort Collins. Geologic maps of the area (Braddock, et al, 1988; Braddock et al, 1989) show the presence of Precambrian crystalline rocks in the area, although no evidence of mining appears on maps.

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