

Fremont County

Whitehorn District

The Whitehorn District lies in northwest Fremont County, adjacent to the Calumet Iron Mine in Chaffee County. There is very little information published concerning the district. Eberhart (1959) reports that the camp of Whitehorn was established in 1897 where a railroad worker found gold while cutting timber. By 1900, a town was thriving. The mines survived into the 20th century, but the Whitehorn Post office closed in 1918. Eberhart also lists the Cameron, Golden Eagle and Independence as mines in the district that supported much of the population, but no other sources were found to corroborate that. Eberhart also indicates that a railroad served the town of Calumet nearby across the county line.

Boardman (1976) points out the presence of gold and copper in the area and Vanderwilt (1947) describes the district as characterized by small deposits of gold and silver. The Mineral Resources Data System (<http://tin.er.usgs.gov/mrds/find-mrds.php>) lists gypsum as a resource in the district.

Discussion with personnel from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Abandoned Mines program reveal that the mines there are mostly shafts to exploit quartz veins, much like the Free Gold District in Chaffee County.

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[Bona & Free Town Lode](#)

[Marrs Memorial Blue](#)

[Cameron \(Eberhart, 1959\)](#)

[GoldenEagle \(Eberhart, 1959\)](#)

[Independence \(Eberhart, 1959\)](#)

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[Chalcopyrite](#)

[Gold](#)

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[Quartz](#)

[Silver](#)

[Tellurobismuthite](#)

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