

Summit County

Delaware Flats District

This placer district is included in the larger **Breckenridge District**. It is the area between the lower Blue River and the lower Swan River, adjacent to the Jo Davis District. It probably overlaps with the **Swan River District**. Parker (1974) quotes several publications at the time of the mining which mention the Delaware Flats area. The town of Delaware Flats lay between the Blue and the Swan Rivers, near the mouth of Silver Creek (Eberhart, 1969). Gilliland also notes that the old name of Delaware Flats was Buffalo Flats (Gilliland, 2006). The town housed a post office in 1861.

Parker also quotes an old source that seems to equate Delaware Flats with Buffalo Flats, a highly productive area included here within the **Consolidated Union District**, further indication of the confusion of all the small districts in the area.

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