

Summit County

Frisco District

The Frisco District occurs near the town of Frisco at the northern end of the **Consolidated Tenmile District**. (The Tenmile District is considered by most to include the Frisco, the Kokomo, the Robinson and the Wilkinson Districts.) It was listed by Henderson (1926) and Dunn (2003). Vanderwilt (1947) described the Frisco district as lying within the Tenmile Canyon - a steep-walled canyon in Precambrian gneiss and schist with easily-identifiable veins. He considered the veins generally too small to be productive. The district produced mainly gold, but sphalerite and galena have been found in the dumps.

The town of Frisco was significant in 1880, but withered several years later. Revived somewhat in the 1890s, it spurred in growth again in 1932 (Eberhart, 1969). Gilliland (2006) describes in detail the location of many of the historic mining features around the current town of Frisco.

The District was never a significant producer. The major commodity was gold, trace commodities included zinc, silver, lead, and copper. An additional reference is Hollister (1867).

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