

Pitkin County

Avalanche District

Discussed in Vanderwilt (1947), the Avalanche District lies around Avalanche Creek several miles upstream from the Crystal River. Argentiferous galena and some gold is found in limestone beds near the Mount Sopris intrusion. Vanderwilt points out that production was minor.

According to Eberhart (1969), gold was found in 1880 and a number of claims were staked on Avalanche Creek. The town of Janeway at the mouth of Avalanche Creek supported the area and about 100 residents.

Mines listed in this district (Dunn, 2003; mindat.org) include:

- Silver Queen
- M & J Claim
- Spring Butte Mine (Claims: Ground Hog; Ground Hog-Gypsum Mine; Mary Mac 1-4; Double Decker)

Minerals listed in this district (mindat.org) include:

Acanthite
Bornite

Cerussite
Covellite

Galena
Stromeyerite

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