

Eagle County

Burns and McCoy District

The Burns and McCoy District consists of gold placers in gravels on benches above the Colorado River generally between those two towns. Parker (1974) states that the gold in these placers is very fine and difficult to recover due to the abundance of black sands. Although placer activity dates back to the 1890s, it peaked in the 1930s when 71.5 and 59 oz. of gold were recovered in 1934 and 1935 respectively from seven to eight larger operations.

An additional reference is Vanderwilt (1947).

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