

Pitkin County

Columbia District

Henderson (1926) identifies the Columbia District as synonymous with the **Castle District**, the **West Castle District**, and the **Roaring Fork District**. Dunn (2003) considered the Columbia District to overlap or include the Castle and West Castle Districts. On mindat.org, the district is considered synonymous with the Ashcroft District.

Despite the mineral list below (mindat.org), the district was mainly an iron producer. Eberhart (1969) describes the small settlement of Cooper's Camp that rose to serve the small mining community.

Mines listed in Columbia District (mindat.org) include:

- [Ainer](#)
- [Alpine Mine](#)
- [Ashcroft Occurrence](#)
- [Borealis](#)
- [Eclipse Mine \(Tunnel Lode; Claims: Wyoming; MS 4190; Eclipse No. 2; Eclipse No. 1\)](#)
- [Gem Mine](#)
- [Hurricane Mine](#)
- [Independence](#)
- [Independence \(Independence Pass\)](#)
 - [Grottos pegmatite](#)
- [Pitkin Mine](#)
- [Tin Cup Mine](#)
- [Iron Hills Properties](#)
- [Iron Mtn.](#)
 - [Puzzler Lode Occurrence](#)
- [Larson](#)
- [McDonalds](#)
- [Montezuma Mine \(Yellow Boy; MS 2177; Emma; MS 6976\)](#)
- [Porphyry Bell](#)
- [Tam O'Shanter](#)

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

Allanite-(Ce)	Galena	'Psilomelane'
Arsenopyrite	var: Argentiferous Galena	Pyrite
Baryte	'Garnet'	Pyrolusite
'Biotite'	Goethite	Quartz var: Amethyst
Calcite	Halotrichite	Siderite
Cerussite	Hematite	Sphalerite
Chalcopyrite	'Limonite'	Uraninite
Chlorargyrite	Magnetite	Uranopolycrase
'Chlorite Group'	Microcline	Zircon var: Cyrtolite
'Clinopyroxene Subgroup'	Monazite-(Ce)	
Cuprite	Polycrase-(Y)	

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