

## **Pitkin County**

### **Frying Pan District (aka Dry Pine District)**

The Frying Pan District was noted by Henderson (1926) and again by Vanderwilt (1947). Vanderwilt describes small scattered veins throughout a large area around Nast, a station on the Colorado Midland Railroad. Vanderwilt defines the district as stretching from the head of Homestake Creek in Eagle County, along Frying Pan Creek and to the head of the Lake Fork of the Arkansas River in Lake County. He notes that gold and silver occur in these veins in Precambrian granite.

Several of the mines listed on mindat.org (and the associated minerals) are uranium minerals, associated with small uranium deposits (Nelson-Moore et al., 1978).

Mines in the district (mindat.org) include:

- Frying Pan Claims (uranium and vanadium)
- Meredith
- Porphyry Mountain Mines

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

[Autunite](#)

[Torbernite](#)

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