

Gilpin County

Hawkeye District

The Hawkeye District is within the area defined as the **North Gilpin District**, which is a large area (approximately 35 square miles) described in Bastin and Hill (1917) and Lovering and Goddard (1950) as stretching from North Clear Creek to the Boulder County line, east from Mammoth Gulch and Kingston Peak to the Eastern border of the Central City Quadrangle. The North Gilpin District is composed of a number of smaller mining districts that grew out of the 19th century gold boom. It is made up of the significant gold-producing districts of **Pine-Kingston-Apex, Hawkeye** and **Perigo**, along with areas that have been called the **Illinois, Gamble Gulch, Union (or Gold Dirt), South Boulder** and the **Rollinsville Placers**. The **Wisconsin, Phoenix** and **Kansas Districts** are contiguous with the other North Gilpin districts and display the same geologic characteristics.

A district called the Hawk Eye District was formed on July 31, 1860, which by the metes and bounds description places it south of the **Central District** (Marshall, 1920). The map in Marshall (1920) shows it bounded on the north by both the **Independent District** and the Central District, on the east by the **Mountain House District**, on the southwest by the **Fairfield District** and on the west by the **Silver Lake District**.

The Hawkeye District is listed in Henderson (1926), but is not found in mindat.org. An additional reference is Eberhart (1969).

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