

Gilpin County

Fairfield District

The Fairfield District is listed by Henderson (1926). It is described by Dunn (2003) as including the mouth of Missouri Gulch and the area around the North Fork of Clear Creek. The District was officially formed on May 28, 1860 and included, by a metes and bounds description, an area commencing at the Discovery claim and then running west, or up the reek one mile, and from the Discovery claim down the creek to the west line of **Enterprise District** or to the mouth of the Missouri Gulch, and to the summit of the mountains north and south (Marshall, 1920). Production included zinc, copper, lead, and gold (mindat.org).

Located in the Fairfield District were the Agra Mine (mindat.org) and a large placer operation in 1860 by the Boston Hydraulic Mining Corporation (Dunn, 2003).

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