

Gunnison County

Washington Gulch Placers

The Washington Gulch Placers are mentioned specifically by Dunn (2003). The area is small, stretching about 1.5 miles from below the old town of Elkton downstream on this tributary gulch of the Slate River. The area is a sub-area of the **Elk Mountain District**.

The gold placers were first mentioned by Emmons (1894) who noted their productivity. Parker (1974) describes the area in detail, and notes the historic presence of coarse gold and significant yields. Parker (Ibid) noted signs of placer activity into the 1950s.

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