

Gunnison County

White Earth District (aka Vulcan District)

Dunn (2003) describes the White Earth District as being "broadly defined" to include many of the districts near the Gunnison - Saguache County border. Henderson (1926) says it includes the **Cebolla, Hotchkiss, McDonough, and Goose Creek Districts**. In mindat.org (2015), the White Earth is presented as synonymous with the **Powderhorn District**, while Vanderwilt (1947) lumps it with the Cebolla, Powderhorn, Vulcan and **Domingo Districts**. Streufert (1999) shows the White Earth as lying north of the Powderhorn District ("between Wildcat Gulch and Wolf Creek") and calls it the White Earth Tungsten Area. This appears to be equivalent (or nearly equivalent) to the **Kezar Basin District** of Henderson and Dunn.

It's apparent that the district is not well-defined. Here we will consider the White Earth to be the same as the Vulcan District, but no defining characteristics are presented that make the district unique.

Refer to Vulcan District discussion.

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