

COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
**ON-007-08D Historic Mining Districts of Colorado (Data)**  
**v20201112**

## HOW TO USE THIS ZIP FILE

To open the compressed (.zip) file that you downloaded, double-click on the file. Inside the folder labeled **ON-007-08D**, there are a number of files and folders. Some files are stored in Adobe Portable Document (.pdf) format. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data are also included. These data are in ESRI's Shapefile and Geodatabase format.

## HOW TO IDENTIFY AND READ FILES

### REPORT DOCUMENTS

- **ON-007-08D-Read\_Me.pdf**  
*This file*
- **ON-007-08D-rpt-v20201112.pdf**  
*Compilation of all available individual mining district reports, organized by county*
- **ON-007-0 8D-GIS\_Data-v20201112 folder**  
*Contains shapefiles with appropriate metadata*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This file contains all relevant GIS data as of **12 November 2020**. When new data is incorporated, this geodatabase package will be updated with a new version number corresponding to the date of issue.

### To view .pdf files

If you don't already have Adobe Reader installed on your device, visit <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> to download a free version of the software. Then, start Adobe Reader and choose "File," "Open," and locate the .pdf files where you downloaded them, they will open in Adobe Reader.

### To view GIS files

GIS files may be viewed using Geographic Information Systems software packages such as ESRI's ArcGIS platform. Included are Shapefiles of the metal mining districts with links to individual county-based reports where available. Within ArcGIS, it may be necessary to reset the "data source" on layer files to ensure proper viewing. Metadata is associated with the Shapefiles and that is best viewed using the Metadata tab in ESRI's ArcCatalog.

Alternatively, these files may be viewed using QGIS, a free and open-source GIS software package, available for download at <https://download.qgis.org/>.

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