**Worksheet CB2. Activity County Boundaries CB2**

*Open* Activity CB2: [**Early Colorado Counties**](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f0aac253387e479bbc4d13593a229808).

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| **Step 1** | **Your Task** |
| You will see a map of Colorado counties in 1880.  Open [***County Boundaries Activity CB2***](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f0aac253387e479bbc4d13593a229808)***:***  *Early Colorado Counties*.  The red lines show where a county has been split into two or more counties. The labels represent the county names in 1890. If you use the identify_1 *Identify* button the name of that county in 1880 should come up.  *Check ON* and *OFF* the **1890 County Boundaries** layer and the **Major Mountain Range** layer to get a better idea of the changes. | Generally, what happened to the number of counties from 1880 to  1890?  In what three general areas did the county boundary changes occur? |
| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
| *Check OFF* the **1880 County Boundaries**, and *Check ON* the **1890 County Boundaries** layer.  Remember the Colorado life zones include:  Plains and Desert Southwest: **3,300 - 5,000ft** above sea level.  Foothills Life Zone: **5,000 to 7,500 ft**.  Montane Life Zone: **7,500 to 10,500 ft.** above sea level.  Subalpine Life Zone: **10,500 to 11,500 ft.**  Alpine Life Zone: **11,500 ft.** above sea level and above.  Look at the 1895 ***Railroads***layer. | Why do you think there were so many new counties formed in the *Eastern Plains?*    Did this have anything to do with the new counties? |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| *Check OFF* all layers, *Check ON* **1890 County Boundaries.**  *(use the other layers to help answer the question).* | During the 1880s why do you think there were a number of new counties formed on the *Western Slope* (Western Colorado)? |
| **Step 4** | **Your Task** |
| *Check OFF* all layers, *Check ON* **1890 County Boundaries**.  Links that may be helpful include:  <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/history/>  <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/history/chronology/> | During the 1880s why do you think there were a number of new counties established in the mountains? |
| **Step 5** | **Your Task** |
| Make sure the**1890 County Boundaries** and **1880 County Boundaries** layers are *Checked ON*. Go to your Bookmarks  and select the *Pitkin and Lake Counties* bookmark. This should zoom you to this area of the state. If you need to you can zoom back out slightly (manually).    You can see where Lake County was divided into Lake and Pitkin. Actually, from 1880 to 1890 Lake County was split into 5 different counties (Lake, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta, and Montrose).  *Check ON the* **Mining Camps and Ghost towns** layer.  Click on the various town in Lake and Pitkin Counties (to obtain their popup boxes with name). Make sure you click “Precisely” on the towns, so that you get the popup box for the town (not the county). | Can you find the two “famous” mining towns in Lake and Pitkin counties?  In Lake County  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  In Pitkin County  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Step 6** | **Your Task** |
| Click on the  *Measure* tool, then select the distance  tool, and measure the distance from these two famous mining settlements (click once on each town). When done close the *Measurement* box.  Use *the* ***Life Zones****,* ***Continental Divide,*** *and* ***Mountain*** layers.  Extra information can be found at: <https://westernmininghistory.com/articles/11/page1/> | Distance in Miles.  Why didn’t these two mining settlements just remain together as one county? |