

Fruita

35.2° N, 108.7° W (B4)

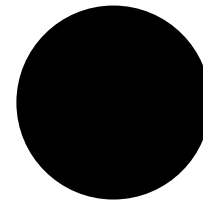
2010 Population: 12,924

Elevation: 4,514'

County: Mesa

Founded: 1884

Named for nearby fossils of the *Fruitadens*, the world's smallest known plant-eating dinosaur.



Broomfield

39.9° N, 105.1° W (E3)

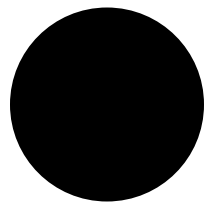
2010 Population: 56,271

Elevation: 5,420'

County: Broomfield

Founded: 1961

The origin of the name may have come from broomcorn grown in the area.



Security-Widefield

38.7° N, 104.7° W (F4)

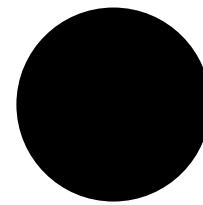
2010 Population: 32,882

Elevation: 5,843'

County: El Paso

Founded: Security Fire Department founded in 1956

The origin of the name is uncertain.



Erie

40.1° N, 105.1° W (F2)

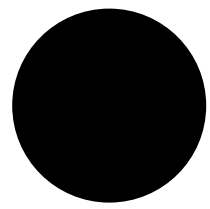
2010 Population: 18,135

Elevation: 5,130'

County: Boulder and Weld

Founded: 1874

The town was named for Erie, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of Rev. Richard Jephtha Van Valkenburg.



Lafayette

40.0° N, 105.1° W (F2)

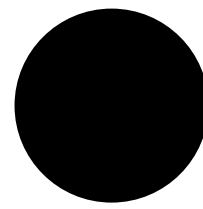
2010 Population: 24,523

Elevation: 5,210'

County: Boulder

Founded: 1888

Mary Miller, on whose farm coal was found, named the town for her late husband, Lafayette Miller.



Louisville

40.0° N, 105.1° W (E2)

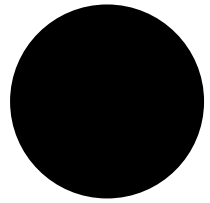
2010 Population: 18,473

Elevation: 5,335'

County: Boulder

Founded: 1877

Louis Nawatny, a local landowner who platted his land, named the coal mining town for himself.



Keenesburg

40.1° N, 104.5° W (F2)

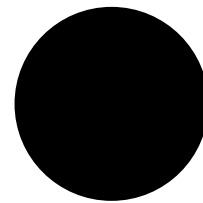
2010 Population: 1,127

Elevation: 4,944'

County: Weld

Founded: 1919

Keenesburg was named for Les Keene, an early settler.



Campo

37.1° N, 102.6° W (H6)

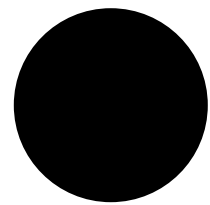
2010 Population: 109

Elevation: 4,344'

County: Baca

Founded: 1950

Campo is derived from Spanish meaning "field". A post office was established on the site in 1913.



Northglenn

39.9°, 105.0° W (F3)

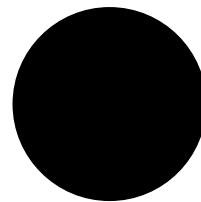
2010 Population: 35,909

Elevation: 5,377'

County: Adams and Weld

Founded: 1959

The town was built as a planned community, with open space and industry, by Jordon Perlmutter.



Walsh

37.4° N, 102.3° W (I6)

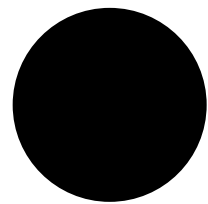
2010 Population: 546

Elevation: 3,953'

County: Baca

Founded: 1928

Named for Mr. Walsh, a railroad official.



Superior

40.0° N, 105.2° W (E2)

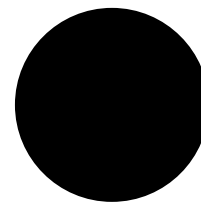
2010 Population: 12,496

Elevation: 5,495'

County: Boulder

Founded: 1896

Named for the town of Superior, Wisconsin.



Castle Pines

39.5° N, 104.9° W (F3)

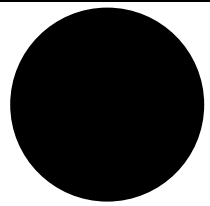
2010 Population: 10,360

Elevation: 6,368'

County: Douglas

Founded: 2007

The history of the name is unclear.



Buena Vista

38.8° N, 106.1° W (E4)

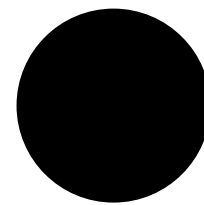
2010 Population: 2,617

Elevation: 7,965'

County: Chaffee

Founded: 1879

Spanish for "Beautiful View", the city's name can often be heard pronounced locally as "Byoo-na Vista". The Americanized pronunciation was specified by Alsina Dearheimer, who chose the town's name.



Walden

40.7° N, 106.3° W (D2)

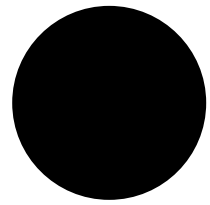
2010 Population: 608

Elevation: 8,099'

County: Jackson

Founded: 1889

The community was named for Mark A. Walden, an early postmaster.



Collbran

39.2° N, 108.0° W (C3)

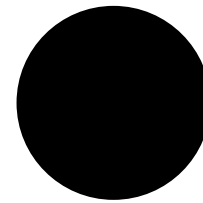
2010 Population: 701

Elevation: 5,984'

County: Mesa

Founded: 1882

The community is believed to be named for Henry Collbran, who was a railroad official.



Franktown

39.4° N, 104.8° W (F3)

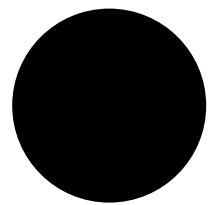
2010 Population: 395

Elevation: 6,161'

County: Douglas

Founded: 1861

Franktown is named for Honorable J. Frank Gardner, an early resident. It served as the first county seat.



Pritchett

37.4° N, 102.9° W (H6)

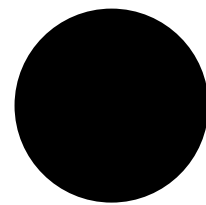
2010 Population: 140

Elevation: 4,833'

County: Baca

Founded: 1927

The community was named after Henry S. Pritchett, a railroad official.



Clifton

39.1° N, 108.4° W (F2)

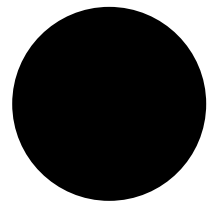
2010 Population: 19,889

Elevation: 4,724'

County: Mesa

Founded: 1900

The community was named for cliffs near the town site.



Evergreen

39.6° N, 105.3° W (E3)

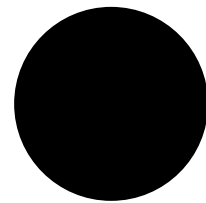
2010 Population: 9,038

Elevation: 7,220'

County: Jefferson

Founded: 1876

The community was named for evergreen trees near the original town site.



Falcon

38.9° N, 104.6° W (F4)

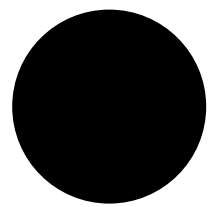
2010 Population: 10,514

Elevation: 6,831'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1896

Falcon Land and Town Company, associated with the Chicago Rock Island Railroad, sold lots.



Monument

39.1° N, 104.9° W (F4)

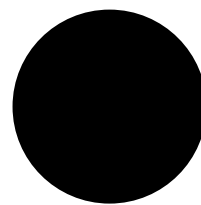
2010 Population: 6,054

Elevation: 6,975'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1872

Monument was first settled as a stop along the Rio Grande Railroad; the area was incorporated as a town called Henry's Station in 1879.



Hotchkiss

38.8° N, 107.7° W (C4)

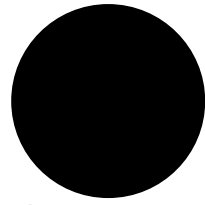
2010 Population: 944

Elevation: 5,331'

County: Delta

Founded: 1882

The town has the name of Enos T. Hotchkiss, a local pioneer.



Cedaredge

38.9° N, 107.9° W (C4)

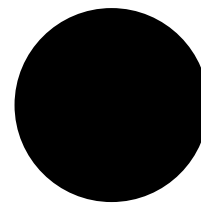
2010 Population: 2,249

Elevation: 6,230'

County: Delta

Founded: 1907

The town of Cedaredge was officially incorporated by a few ranchers.



De Beque

39.3° N, 108.2° W (B3)

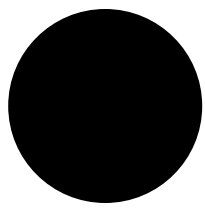
2010 Population: 498

Elevation: 4,951'

County: Mesa

Founded: 1880

Dr. de Beque explored the area while looking for a suitable location for a ranch.



Crested Butte

38.9° N, 107.0° W (D4)

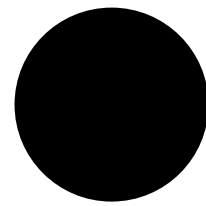
2010 Population: 1,481

Elevation: 8,909'

County: Gunnison

Founded: 1880

Crested Butte is a prominent mountain summit in the Elk Mountain range.



Beulah

38.1° N, 108.3° W (B5)

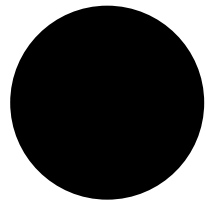
2010 Population: 517

Elevation: 7,011'

County: San Miguel

Founded: 1887

Named for a town in Missouri.



Dolores

37.5° N, 108.5° W (B6)

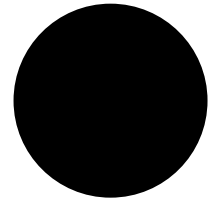
2010 Population: 940

Elevation: 6,936'

County: Montezuma

Founded: 1900

Dolores is Spanish for "sorrows" and is named for the river, located at the mouth of the Dolores Valley.



Dove Creek

37.8° N, 109.0° W (B6)

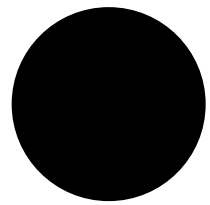
2010 Population: 736

Elevation: 6,884'

County: Dolores

Founded: 1915

Dove Creek takes its is the self-proclaimed pinto bean capital of the World.



Paonia

38.9° N, 107.6° W (C4)

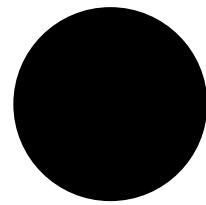
2010 Population: 1,451

Elevation: 5,682'

County: Delta

Founded: 1880

Named for the peony roots Samuel Wade carried with him from Ohio.



Ellicott

38.8° N, 104.3° W (F4)

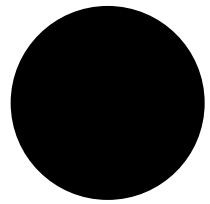
2010 Population: 1,131

Elevation: 6,020'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1880s

The origin of the name is uncertain.



Norwood

38.1° N, 108.3° W (B5)

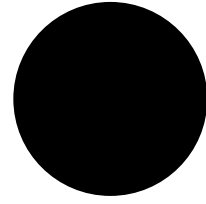
2010 Population: 517

Elevation: 7,011'

County: San Miguel

Founded: 1887

Named for a town in Missouri.



Bayfield

37.2° N, 107.6° W (C6)

2010 Population: 2,356

Elevation: 6,900'

County: La Plata

Founded: 1906

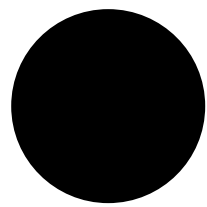
Named after a flip of a coin between Mr. Bay and Mr. Schiller. Mr. Bay won the honor of naming the town.

It is peaceful, except when there is blowing sideways snow. Some water comes from wells. You can raise your own animals and have a garden. The houses are far apart. Some important places are the water tower and gas station. The only traffic jams are caused by cattle on the road.

The town is surrounded by the West Elk Mountains. We grow different kinds of fruit such as peaches, cherries, plums, nectarines, and pears. There are ranches and farms as well as orchards. A long time ago, lots of people worked in coal mines. There are many different kinds of places to worship.

We live in a place where snow slides off of mountains. There is lots of wildlife in town. It is safe from tornados and earthquakes. Neighbors help each other out when it is snowing and we have festivals like the Mill Street Block Party. People here enjoy hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing.

This is an old town in a high plains desert with no river nearby. We have many ranches. The annual rodeo has bull riding and mutton busting. The county fair includes two counties. Kids in 4-H sew, cook, and raise lambs, pigs, kittens, and chickens. Our most famous landmark is the Lone Cone Mountain. We have to drive over an hour to see a movie in a theatre.



Mancos

37.3° N, 108.3° W (B6)

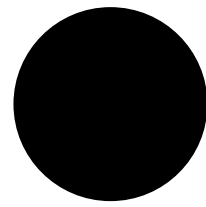
2010 Population: 1,339

Elevation: 7,028'

County: Montezuma

Founded: 1894

The name comes from the 1776
Dominguez–Escalante Expedition.



Ignacio

37.1° N, 107.6° W (C6)

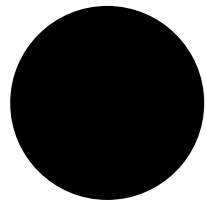
2010 Population: 704

Elevation: 6,453'

County: La Plata

Founded: 1913

Ute Chief Ignacio and Saint Ignatius
combined to influence the name.



Black Hawk

39.8° N, 105.5° W (E3)

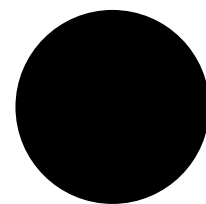
2010 Population: 118

Elevation: 8,537'

County: Gilpin

Founded: 1859

Named for Sauk Native American
chief who lived from 1767 to 1838.



Fraser

39.9° N, 105.8° W (E3)

2010 Population: 1,224

Elevation: 8,574'

County: Grand

Founded: 1871

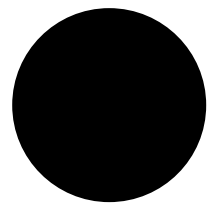
The town was probably named for
Rueben Frazier, an early settler.

This town is located on the 681,000-acre Southern Ute Reservation. Its history reflects the interaction of Native Americans with Europeans. Students in the local schools study the Ute language. Some important activities during the year are the Powwow and Ute Fair. The annual Bear Dance brings families together to share songs and stories.

Our town is located on the Mancos River. The high school is on the National Register of Historic Places. The town started because people brought herds of cattle to graze in the valley, but people have lived in the area since the 10th century and we have lots of archeological sites. Mesa Verde is our closest National Park.

Our town is in the high country and it is very cold in the winter. It could snow at any time. Many people come here to go skiing in the winter and mountain biking in the summer. Resident "Doc Susie" was one of the country's first female physicians and cared for the sick and injured in the early 1900s, sometimes traveling by snowshoe.

Gold was discovered in "Gregory's Gulch" and inspired thousands of people to seek their fortunes. Eventually Black Hawk became a milling center for the gold ore mined in the region. Today people travel to Black Hawk to gamble at the many casinos in the area. Black Hawk is the least populous city in Colorado.



Granby

40.1° N, 105.9° W (E2)

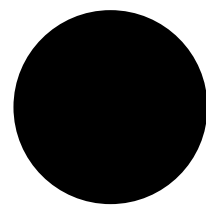
2010 Population: 1,863

Elevation: 7,935'

County: Grand

Founded: 1904

Named for Granby Hillyer, a Denver lawyer who served as United States Attorney for that city's district.



Kremmling

40.1° N, 106.4° W (D2)

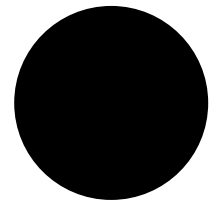
2010 Population: 1,438

Elevation: 7,313'

County: Grand

Founded: 1881

Named for Rudolph Kremmling who took over a shop in a cave on the banks of Muddy Creek.



Hayden

40.5° N, 107.3° W (C2)

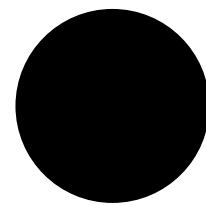
2010 Population: 1,803

Elevation: 6,434'

County: Routt

Founded: 1906

Named for Ferdinand Hayden, a surveyor who explored western Colorado during late 19th century.



Highlands Ranch

39.5° N, 104.9° W (F3)

2010 Population: 96,713

Elevation: 5,920'

County: Douglas

Founded: 1981

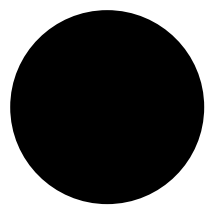
The name comes from Highlands Ranch, built by Samuel Allen Long.

The town sits along the upper Colorado River in the lower arid section of Middle Park. The Ute and Arapahoe Indian tribes originally inhabited the area, until they were pushed out by the gold and silver rushes bringing more people to mine and settle. The Denver, Northwestern & Pacific, arrived in July 1906 and made Kremmling a central shipping point.

Sometimes we have nine months of winter. There are different plants because of the high altitude. We are located right next to Rocky Mountain National Park and the largest natural lake in the state, Grand Lake. Not many people live in the town, but we have lots of tourists. We like to explore the rivers and lakes in the area.

Samuel Long was one of the first petroleum refiners in 1861 and a Director of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He moved to Colorado in 1880 and filed for 40 acres in 1884 in Douglas County. Long was recognized as an innovator of dry land farming techniques in 1889 and 1890. Another homestead that is now part of Highlands Ranch once belonged to the Potato King.

Our town is in the middle of the Yampa River Valley. People work on ranches and farms. There used to be more coal mining. The railroad arrived in 1913 and made it easier to take goods to market and to travel. We have six parks in our town, including a skate park.



Manitou Springs

38.9° N, 104.9° W (F4)

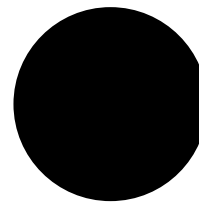
2010 Population: 5,030

Elevation: 6,358'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1872

An early investor suggested Manitou from the "Song of Hiawatha".



Golden

39.8° N, 105.2° W (E3)

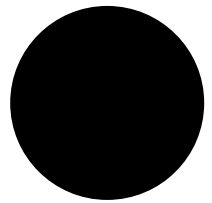
2010 Population: 18,754

Elevation: 5,675'

County: Jefferson

Founded: 1859

The mining camp was originally named Golden City in honor of Thomas Golden, an early prospector.



Miliken

40.3° N, 104.8° W (F2)

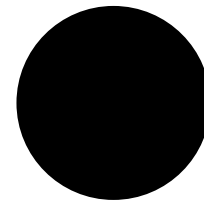
2010 Population: 5,636

Elevation: 4,751'

County: Weld

Founded: 1908

Named for John Miliken, a railroad official whose family was originally from Maine.



Lakewood

39.7° N, 105.1° W (F3)

2010 Population: 143,202

Elevation: 5,518'

County: Jefferson

Founded: 1969

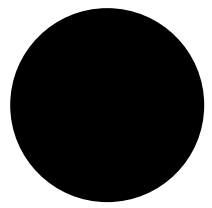
Several small lakes and reservoirs are in the Lakewood area, which is part of the South Platte watershed.

Golden City served as the capital of the provisional Territory of Jefferson from 1860 to 1861, and capital of the official Territory of Colorado from 1862 to 1867. It is now the county seat for Jefferson County and home to the Colorado School of Mines. There is a river walk along the Clear Creek River and lots of trails to explore.

People came to our town to be cured of tuberculosis. Once there were seven grand hotels in Manitou Springs. Today we are home to many artists and craftspeople. In the summer you can walk to the park to hear a band play and sample pies during the pie contest.

The suburban development of the community known as Lakewood was begun in 1889 by Charles Welch and W.A.H. Loveland, who designed a 13-block area along Colfax Avenue west of Denver in eastern Jefferson County.

Miliken began as a trading post for agricultural goods on the Denver, Laramie and Northwestern Railroad in the 1860s. We have lots of cattle and grow potatoes. The roads were not paved in the town until 1985.



Indian Hills

39.6° N, 105.2° W (E3)

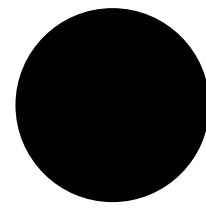
2010 Population: 1,280

Elevation: 6,857'

County: Jefferson

Founded: 1923

Named to recall original inhabitants including members of Ute, Cherokee, and Shawnee tribes.



Windsor

40.5° N, 104.9° W (F2)

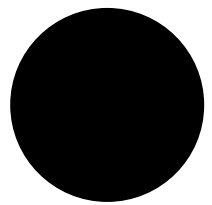
2010 Population: 18,762

Elevation: 4,797'

County: Larimer and Weld

Founded: 1882

Might be named for the New York hometown of the founder or for the Rev. Samuel Asa Windsor.



Gypsum

39.6° N, 106.9° W (D3)

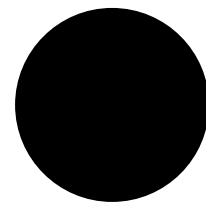
2010 Population: 6,491

Elevation: 6,312'

County: Eagle

Founded: 1911

The town was named for nearby gypsum deposits.



Eagle

39.7° N, 106.8° W (D3)

2010 Population: 6,501

Elevation: 6,601'

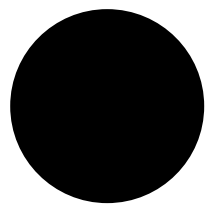
County: Eagle

Founded: 1905

The town and county of Eagle were named for the Eagle River.

Water, railroads, and sugar beets were important to Windsor's development.

Originally the northern end of Parmalee Gulch, known as Eden Park, was founded as a golf course. Models of summer cabins were built of logs, and small lots were sold to Denver residents seeking summer homes in the mountains.



Edwards

39.6° N, 106.6° W (D3)

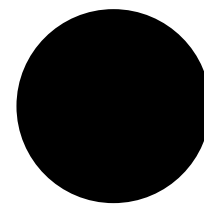
2010 Population: 10,266

Elevation: 7,221'

County: Eagle

Founded: 1883

The community was named after Melvin Edwards, a local postal official.



Otis

40.1° N, 103.0° W (G2)

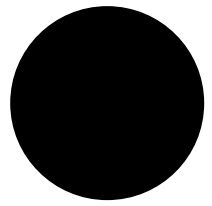
2010 Population: 474

Elevation: 4,360'

County: Washington

Founded: 1882

The town was named after W. O. Otis, a pioneer settler.



Peetz

41.0° N, 103.1° W (G1)

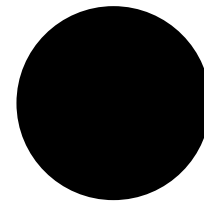
2010 Population: 238

Elevation: 4,436'

County: Logan

Founded: 1917

The community was named after Peter Peetz, an early settler.



Julesburg

41.0° N, 102.3° W (H1)

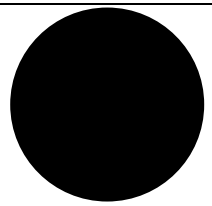
2010 Population: 1,221

Elevation: 3,478'

County: Sedgwick

Founded: 1886

The original trading post was named for Jules Beni, a horse thief.



Haxtun

40.6° N, 102.6° W (H2)

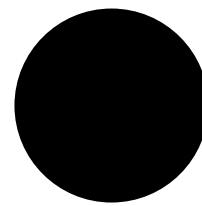
2010 Population: 950

Elevation: 4,029'

County: Phillips

Founded: 1909

The town was originally founded along a siding of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.



Merino

40.5° N, 103.4° W (G2)

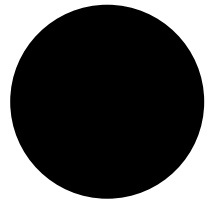
2010 Population: 284

Elevation: 4,035'

County: Logan

Founded: 1917

The town was named for the merino sheep which grazed there.



Ovid

41.0° N, 102.4° W (H1)

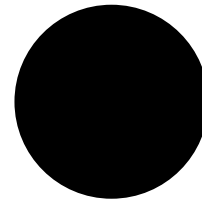
2010 Population: 317

Elevation: 3,533'

County: Sedgwick

Founded: 1925

The town was named after Newton Ovid, a local resident.



Parker

39.5° N, 104.8° W (F3)

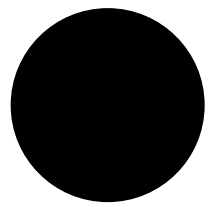
2010 Population: 45,473

Elevation: 5,869'

County: Douglas

Founded: 1981

James Sample Parker, an ex-bullwhacker and station manager, inspired the town's name.



Silverton

38.9° N, 107.6° W (C4)

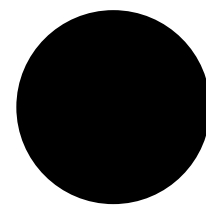
2010 Population: 1,451

Elevation: 5,682'

County: Delta

Founded: 1880

Named for the peony roots Samuel Wade carried with him from Ohio.



Galeton

38.8° N, 104.3° W (F4)

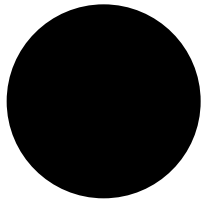
2010 Population: 1,131

Elevation: 6,020'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1880s

The origin of the name is uncertain.



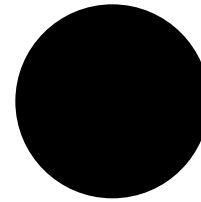
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2010 Population:

Elevation:

County:

Founded:



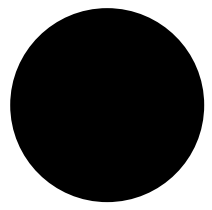
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2010 Population:

Elevation:

County:

Founded:



Avon

39.6° N, 106.5° W (D3)

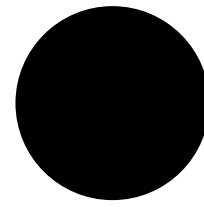
2010 Population: 6,373

Elevation: 7,431'

County: Eagle

Founded: 1889

The town first consisted of a rail station and was originally spelled "Avin".



Cherry Hills Village

39.6° N, 105.0° W (F3)

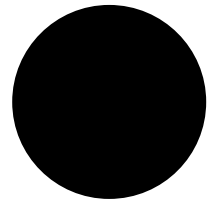
2010 Population: 6,015

Elevation: 5,426'

County: Arapahoe

Founded: 1945

The community was named for a grove of cherry trees near the original town site.



Peyton

39.0° N, 104.5° W (G3)

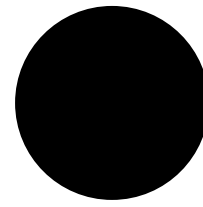
2010 Population: 250

Elevation: 6,818'

County: El Paso

Founded: 1888

George Peyton settled the area. Originally called Mayfield, it was renamed because there was already a Mayfield, California.



Platteville

40.2° N, 104.8° W (F2)

2010 Population: 4,813

Elevation: 4,813'

County: Weld

Founded: 1871

The town was named for its location on the Platte River.

Add additional background information about the cities.

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