

Elkhead Community Center Building

The Elkhead Community Center located in northwest Routt County is a former one-room school that served over 50 children at one time in the remote Elkhead School District 11 after the Elkhead Rock Schoolhouse was closed.

A neighboring rancher, Isadore Bolton, donated an acre out of ranch property to the school district. This Elkhead school was in operation from 1948 until 1959. In 1959 the district deeded the school building and the surrounding acre to the community for social and educational purposes to serve as a community center.



Elkhead Community Center
South Facing Side, June, 2021



Elkhead Community Center
North Facing Side, June 2021

The building and surrounding one acre became the Elkhead Community Club/Center and has been used continuously since 1959 as a social and educational gathering place. The former one-room school building, now community center, is a stucco finished cinderblock building with a metal roof located at 8015 Routt County Road 56, Hayden, Colorado 81639.

This building where people gathered, and continue to gather, play music together, socialize, dance, talk about the price of wheat and livestock and generally support each other while living in a remote area of the county. The Community Center has been the “glue” that brought strangers and neighbors together. It is the only public building left in the old Elkhead School District.