



Fly Gulch School
39610 & 39620 Amethyst Drive
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

The Fly Gulch School embodies the characteristics of rural schools in Routt County. The school was established approximately 10 miles northwest of Steamboat Springs in a remote area to accommodate the surrounding families. Fly Gulch School District, originally named Trull, was created from combining Deep Creek District 7 and Moon Hill District 10 in the late 1800's. The first Fly Gulch School was a log cabin and was a "subscription school" where students paid tuition. A later school was utilized until 1917 when the current frame school was built near the junction of County Road 44A and County Road 44. School session first began in this building in the summer of 1917 with Miss Flora Smith as teacher. School continued to be in session during the summer months until sometime before 1940 after which the school year began in the fall, most likely due to upgraded roads and building improvements. Although the schoolhouse and teacherage now sit at a different location, their role as a social gathering place for the surrounding neighbors is very important in the story of Routt County, which can be told through interpretation at the current site. The school buildings can continue to serve as a social hub for their new neighbors of the Strawberry Park Elementary School Campus.