



A, D, & J. WOODCHUCK DITCH
Soda Creek, Strawberry Park, Gunn Creek, Slate Creek, into the Elk River, a
tributary of the Yampa River.

The seven-mile Woodchuck Ditch, including its floodgates, headgates, controls, and other structures is impressive in that it spans two watersheds. Its first water-right filings were recorded in 1887; it was incorporated as the Woodchuck Ditch Company in 1912. Several early owners were prominent citizens of Routt County who contributed in various ways to its development. The Ditch demonstrates the far-sighted vision of those citizens and indicates the importance of water in an arid, high mountain environment the local economy of which continues to be highly dependent on ranching and farming.