



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **LOCHBUIE**

*Incorporated Weld County Town - 1974*

Gordon McClain owned land along the Weld-Adams County line next to I-80 S Highway and in 1961 developed a 12-acre mobile home subdivision. It was named Spacious Living, nicknamed Space City. In 1974, to be able to improve their water and sewer systems, residents voted to incorporate, naming their new town Lochbuie. McClain's grandparents' ancestral home was Lochbuie, Isle of Mull, Scotland. In Scottish-Gaelic the spelling would be *Locha Buidhe*, meaning *Lake of the Fair-haired clan*.

In July 1976, Highway I-80S was renumbered to I-76 and remains a major regional highway along the southern side of Lochbuie. I-76 runs between the western terminus in Arvada and the eastern end at I-80 in Nebraska. Denver International Airport (DIA) opened in 1995 motivating Lochbuie's growth to over 2,000 residents.

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