

TV Reception

TV “Translators” are low-power RF repeaters that relay digital TV signals into local areas. Coverage and reception from our TV translators depend on line of sight from our broadcast site to your antenna. This is typically good for up to 10 miles or so. Your antenna should be pointed at the translator site for optimal reception.

The Pitkin County TV Translator sites currently operating are:

- Sunlight Peak- West of Carbondale just North of the Sunlight ski resort; covering Carbondale and the lower Roaring Fork Valley
- Elephant Mountain- North of Redstone above Filoha Meadows; covering Redstone and the lower Crystal River Valley
- Crown Mountain- South of El Jebel, West of Basalt; covering El Jebel and Basalt
- Thomasville- East of Meredith/Thomasville on the ridge above the intersection of Frying Pan Road and Eagle-Thomasville Road; covering Thomasville and Upper Frying Pan Valley
- Williams Hill- North of Old Snowmass, West of Woody Creek on the Southern Ridge above Snowmass Canyon; covers Old Snowmass and lower Woody Creek
- Jack Rabbit Ridge- East of Snowmass, West of the AABC on the Southern end of Sky Mountain Park; covering Snowmass Village and Aspen*

Look at our map to see which translator site is closest to you.

Your reception will be the best if you have a clear view of a site’s tower. TV signals don’t go through mountains, but can sometimes reflect through short distances on the valley floor.

Outdoor antennas almost always perform better than indoor antennas, should be pointed toward the nearest translator site. Indoor antennas can work, but should be placed near or on a window facing the nearest translator site. When relocating or adjusting your antenna, please also perform a full channel rescan on your television each time to ensure that it searches for new or improved over the air signals.

*TV translator coverage in Aspen is currently limited to those with reception from Jack Rabbit Ridge. The translator site on Lower Red Mountain is currently out of commission due to an irreparable power line failure to the site. Pitkin County is negotiating with the USFS to relocate the TV translators from Lower Red Mountain to Upper Red Mountain. Upper Red Mountain is an off-the-grid solar-powered site that also requires significant upgrades and improvements to support TV translators. Updates to this process will be posted on this website.