

Site 5: Snowdrift Gulch

You are standing in the vicinity of the Dunkirk shaft, which is part of the Pelican mine complex. The drainage to the east is known as Snowdrift Gulch. The large pile of mine waste above you and to the east came from the Payrock mine. A tramway used to run from this area down to the Payrock mill in the valley floor:



Payrock Mill at East end of Silver Plume. Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, x61593

The amount of production for the years 1889-1892 as well as the amount of ground developed as part of the Payrock is shown in the table and sketch below from a USGS publication in 1908 (Professional Paper No. 63). At this time the superintendent of the Payrock indicated that the total production up to 1908 was about \$2,000,000.

Production of Pay Rock mine, 1889, 1890, and 1892.

	Silver.	Lead.	Total.
1889	\$135,757.56	\$3,952.00	\$139,709.56
1890	35,203.00	517.00	35,720.00
1892	217,479.00	6,107.00	223,586.00

The total production of the Pay Rock vein is estimated by E. F. Kendall, the superintendent, at about \$2,000,000.

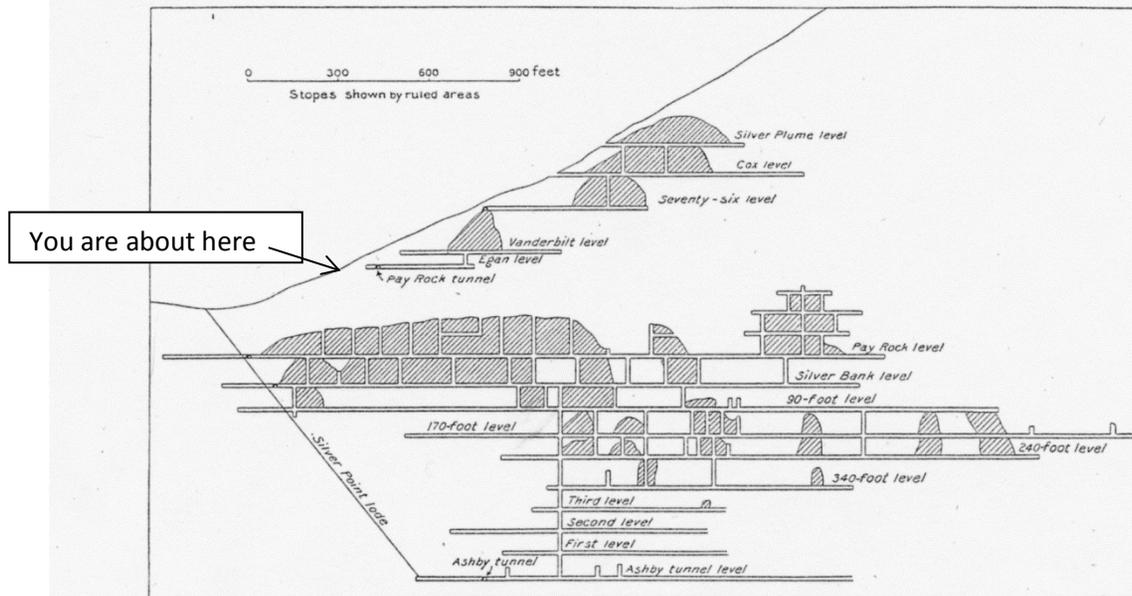


FIG. 51.—Vertical longitudinal projection of Pay Rock mine.