

Site 3: Silver Plume



*Silver Plume circa 1890 by photographer George Dagleish
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At this vantage point, looking north, you can see the town of Silver Plume and Republican Mountain, where the tailings from the Diamond, Pelican, and Ashby Tunnels still mark the face of the mountain. Also visible is the 7:30 Wagon Road, now a hiking trail (further information can be found [here](#)).

An early description of the town appeared in the July 20, 1870 edition of the *Colorado Miner*: “A new mining camp is being built up about two miles west of Georgetown, on the Bakerville road. The valley at this point is quite broad, wood for fuel is abundant, pasturage for several months in the year is excellent, and a streamlet of clear cold water tumbles down Cherokee Gulch. Jacob Snyder and Daniel Peters will make their headquarters at this new mining camp. They are agents for several mining companies, and now have twenty men employed on the Snow-drift, Silver Plume and other lodes. What name shall grace the new town?”