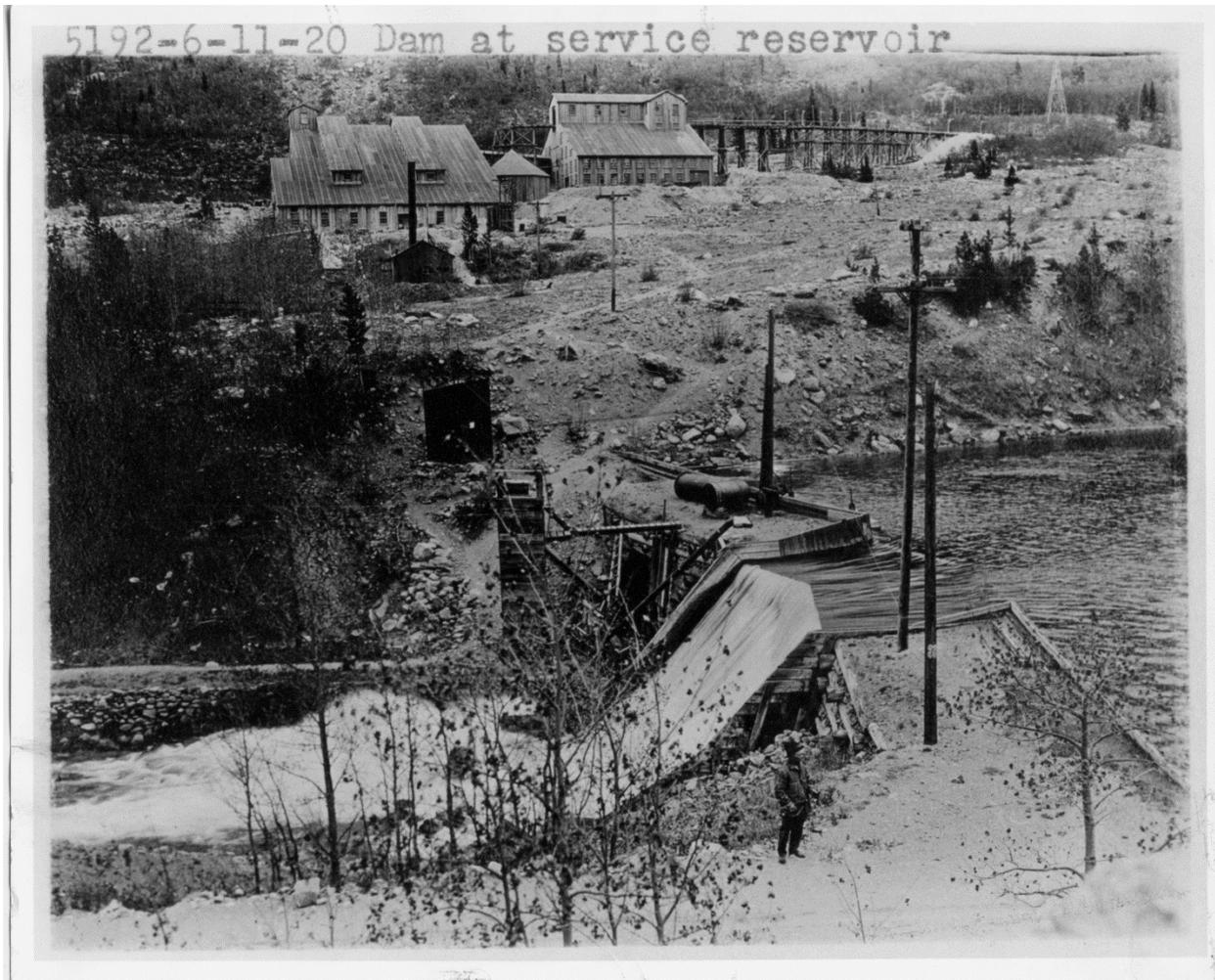


# Rutherford Trail

## Site 6:



If you wander around the flats to the east of the dam, you will come across several large concrete foundations, remnants of a mill built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The large mine dumps and mill tailings mentioned in the previous photo, had been created at a time when the processing of ore was rudimentary at best. This new mill was built to re-process the ores of the Colorado Central mines. At the same time, the war in Europe, soon to be known as World War I, would create new markets for trace minerals such as zinc, copper and lead, all of which were present in the mines around Silver Dale. Construction of the mill was started in 1917, and completed in 1918. While hailed as a great boon for Georgetown's economy, the company would soon go bankrupt, and the mill would be torn down. Equipment would be sold to other mining companies in an effort to pay off bills, and employee wages. *Photo from White photo collection, courtesy of John Tomay Memorial Library, Georgetown*