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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Clear Creek	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.08.0002	DATE 5/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Silver Plume Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Located on I-70 right-of-way, adjacent to east-bound highway

CITY OR TOWN:
entrance ramp at Silver Plume.

STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Clear Creek	CODE 019
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Leased by the Loveland Patrol Associates, Inc.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State Historical Society of Colo. (depot); State Highway Dept. (land)

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE: Colorado	CODE 08
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clear Creek County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Georgetown

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
State Highway No. 91 Clear Creek County-Federal Aid Project No. I-70 (original location - proposed relocation)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN: Denver	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Silver Plume Depot is constructed upon a wood frame, with vertical board and batten exterior walls, off-set at ceiling level. The building is divided into four rooms, which originally housed the depot, a freight room and living quarters. A loft extends over the depot and living quarters, with full one-story capacity in the freight room. Two double-hung windows open from the east, or depot end of the structure. Two additional double-hung windows open from the rear, or north side, of the building. The rectangular floor plan is broken only once, by a bay-type window extension, from which two double-hung windows open on the front, or south side, of the building. A freight platform was originally attached to the building, and measured 1900 square feet. This platform has been removed. A metal chimney is off-set to the right, or east end of the building, on a gable roof. The depot originally had a single stack brick chimney and a wood shingle roof. Composition roofing is presently protecting the building from weather. The roof eaves project two feet on all sides, exposing the rafters. Single sliding freight doors open from the front and back of the building into the freight room, each with a transom panel above. The building is temporarily on blocks, without a foundation, having been moved several hundred feet from its original location to accommodate Interstate Highway No. 70. The depot is still situated, however, in direct conjunction with the Georgetown Loop Railroad roadbed.

Although the depot remains structurally sound, it is endangered, due to its highly accessible location, and its steadily deteriorating condition. At present, the building is being leased to the Loveland Patrol Associates, Inc., for use as sleeping quarters. Certain essential repairs must be made, however, such as the installation of safe and authentic flooring and the replacement of the roof, in order to preserve the depot in its exposed location.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1884 - 1939

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Frontier mining</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>interpretive</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>complex</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1884, the Silver Plume Depot was constructed as the terminal point of the Colorado Central Railroad route from Denver to the Clear Creek mining region. The Georgetown-Silver Plume segment, known as the Georgetown Loop Railroad, was originally built to haul silver ore between the two mining towns, but the steep, winding 4½ mile trip soon became one of Colorado's major tourist attractions. Passengers rode in open cars and were often showered with cinders as the train wound its way up the valley to Silver Plume, where they could hike, picnic, visit the Silver Plume mines, or eat lunch at the company pavillion, before the train made its return trip down the valley to Denver.

The Silver Plume Depot remains intact, as one of the few reminders of the excitement and activity that characterized the Clear Creek mining district in the nineteenth century. The Georgetown Loop Railroad was dismantled in 1939 and the depot has been moved twice, to accommodate construction of Interstate Highway No. 70. Located in the Georgetown-Silver Plume Historic District, the depot is an essential element of the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining Area, a complex being restored by the State Historical Society of Colorado as a frontier mining interpretive site. Eventually, the Georgetown Loop Railroad will again carry passengers up the valley to the Silver Plume Depot.

The depot has deteriorated since abandonment, but the basic structure remains sound and is worthy of restoration, both as a structure related to local historic development, and as one of a small number of extant railroad depots constructed during Colorado's narrow gauge era.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 R. H. Kindig, E. J. Haley and M. C. Poor. Denver: World Press
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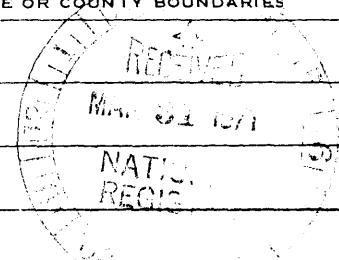
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 41' 43"	105° 43' 24"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one (1) acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Susan A. Nieminen, Assistant to the Director

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Colorado DATE: 18 March 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Stephen H. Hart
 Stephen H. Hart

Title: Colorado State Liaison Officer

Date: 24 MARCH 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 6 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William M. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

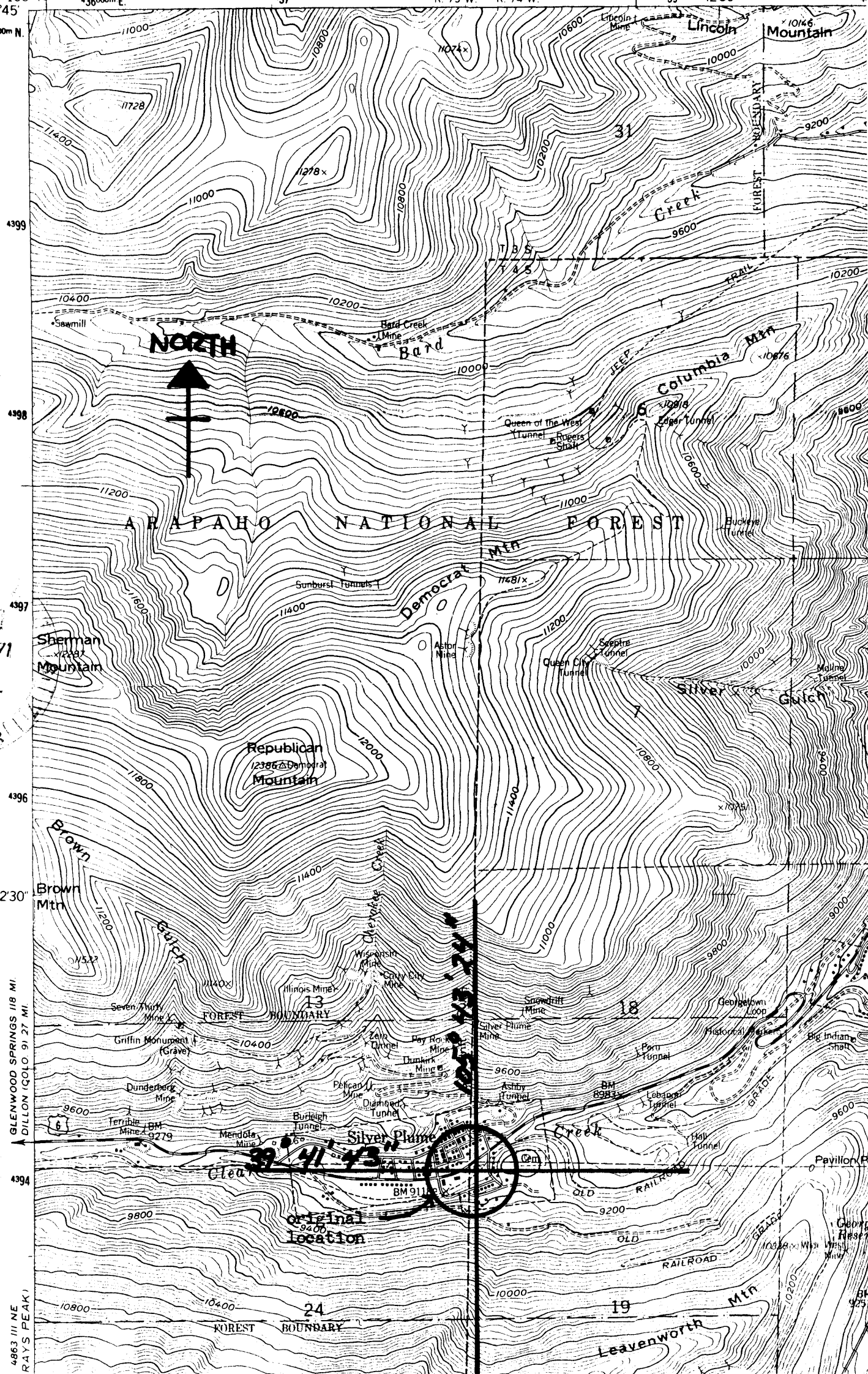
Date: APR 16 1971

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4863 N SE PASS
BERTHOUD PASS

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

105°45' 39°45' 436000m E 437 R. 75 W. R. 74 W 439 42'30' 441



NORTH

ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST

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NATIONAL REGISTER

GLENWOOD SPRINGS 118 MI
DILLON (COLO) 91.27 MI
4863 III NE (GRAYS PEAK)

Silver Plume Depot
U.S.G.S. Map 7.5 minute series
Georgetown, Colorado Quadrangle
1957 Scale: 1:24000

Latitude: 39° 41' 43"
Longitude: 105° 43' 24"

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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highway entrance ramp at Silver Plume.			
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Map; 7.5 minute series; Georgetown, Colorado Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

