

Gunnison County

Silverside District

The distribution of districts in the northeast is confusing at best. Various writers through time have used many names, often interchangeably, for the region stretching from Tincup on the east to Pearl Pass, some twenty miles to the northwest. (Refer to explanations in the **Taylor Park, Taylor Peak, Taylor River, Dorchester District** descriptions.) The Silverside District seems to occupy an area not claimed by any of the other districts, and it does encompass, among other things, some known gold placer terrain. Therefore, we have chosen to include the district even though the name has not been widely used.

Henderson (1926) first recognized the Silverside District, and it was included in Dunn (2003), encompassing four sections to the northeast of the present-day Taylor Park Reservoir. Parker (1974) listed placer sites of local importance on Texas, Illinois, and Pieplant Creeks. Davis and Streufert (1990) included these placer areas within the Taylor Park District, but here we consider them the Silverside District.

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