

***Jessie Mine: Glenwood Tunnel
Site 5ST1151***

The Glenwood Tunnel was part of the greater Jessie mining and milling operation. Miners drove the tunnel during the 1880s to undercut the Hattie and other workings at depth and continued to use the tunnel for decades. The site, at around 9,900 feet elevation, lies on the east side of Gold Run Gulch directly above the Jessie Mill and Quincy Tunnel. Historically, an inclined rail tramway descended from a terminal at the tunnel down to the mill. The steep wall of Gold Run Gulch surrounds the site and is vegetated with a young lodgepole pine forest. Within the recent past, a road was bulldozed through the site and the waste rock dump was used for a hairpin turn. The bulldozing erased most important features and destroyed the site's archaeological integrity.

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The waste rock dump is the most distinct feature on the site. The dump (F2) manifests as a mound 112 by 138 feet in area and around 18 feet high with a few artifacts scattered down the flanks. Because of bulldozing, the dump retains little integrity.

The top terminal for an incline rail tramway stood at the southeast toe of the dump and is currently represented by structural remnants (F3). When the switchback was graded over the dump, the backdirt was bulldozed onto the terminal, burying a significant portion and knocking the eastern structural elements askew. As a result, the terminal is impossible to interpret. The structural remnants include several truncated walls, collapsed posts, a timber cube, and clutch and brake levers. Structural debris and other artifacts extend downslope.

Miners dumped waste rock in the form of a terrace (F4) extending southeast from the tram terminal. They graded the top-surface flat to form a curved platform 15 by 45 feet in area. Structural artifacts indicate that a building stood on the platform, but the size is unknown.

Jessie Mine: Glenwood Site Significance and Management Recommendations

Due to extensive bulldozing, the Glenwood Tunnel retains little integrity. The area where the tunnel and associated features were located was bulldozed, and the artifact assemblage is poor. As a result, the site no longer represents a tunnel mine. For these reasons, the site is recommended ineligible and is no longer significant as a historic resource. The site does, however, possess some value as a contributing element of Gold Run Gulch's historic landscape. The waste rock dump is visible from afar and reinforces the impression of the Jessie Mine as a major operation. Because the site appears to be ineligible, management recommendations suggest no further action.