

***Prospect Adit
Site 5ST1161***

Site 5ST1161 encompasses the remnants of a failed prospect adit. The site consists of the adit, its waste rock dump, and no other features. The site, at around 9,800 feet elevation, lies on the west side of Brown Gulch a short distance south of the gulch mouth. The steep wall of the gulch ascends west, the gulch floor is to the east, and a road passes by the site's east edge. The site retains almost no integrity due to extensive bulldozing, and for this reason, the site was not recorded in detail.

Prospect Adit History

No archival information regarding the adit could be found.

Prospect Adit Site Description

The adit is open, 4 by 7 feet in-the-clear, and extends southwest. Prospectors drove it from the end of a trench 6 feet wide and 36 feet long, which exposed bedrock. The trench was cleaned out with heavy equipment in the recent past and several sheets of plywood left to cover the adit. The waste rock dump is 54 by 160 feet in area and 7 feet thick, and its top-surface has been completely bulldozed. In addition, a bulldozer scraped away soil from the west, upslope edge to extend the flat area. The earthmoving destroyed historic features, if any existed, and buried artifacts. The dump is currently used for recreational camping. Few if any historic artifacts are associated with the site.

Prospect Adit Site Significance and Management Recommendations

Due to extensive bulldozing, the site retains almost no integrity as a historic resource. For this reason, the site is no longer significant and is recommended ineligible. Management recommendations suggest no further cultural resource work.