

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
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Historic Archaeological Component Form
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Use this form in conjunction with the *Management Data Form*. This form should be completed for each historical resource with archaeological potential.

Does this form pertain to the site in general? Yes X No _____

OR

a particular feature/structure (please note feature/structure number) _____

1. Resource Number: 5ST364 2. Temporary Resource Number: _____
3. Site/Feature Type: Hamilton Mine and Mill
4. General Site/Feature Description: The Hamilton Mine and Mill site offers a diverse and scattered assemblage of features representing prospects, four mine tunnels, two amalgamation mills, and numerous residences left by a series of mining operations. Prospectors discovered veins in 1887, a mining outfit brought one vein into production by the early 1890s, and several more companies expanded operations during the mid- and late 1890s. With each expansion, new tunnels and residences were added to the site. The original mining outfit built a mill, which was kept active into the mid-1900s. By around 1904, the mine past its prime, and several companies attempted fitful production until 1909. At that time, the last company built another mill and two boardinghouses, and realized ore for around four years. The site currently offers a few structural remnants, numerous building platforms, and abundant domestic artifacts. The volume of industrial materials is limited, and all adits collapsed. The last mill also collapsed, leaving an intact ore receiving bin and jumbled structural debris. The site sees heavy recreational use, and off-road vehicles have left tracks across the site. Regardless, the site retains a high degree of archaeological integrity and some architectural integrity in the form of a log cabin. The site also possesses potentially important buried deposits. For a detailed site description and interpretation, see the report noted below.

5. Historic Component Date(s) and/or Sociopolitical Period: 1887-1889; 1892-1903; 1905-1913; 1916
Justification: Archival information reflects the above timeframes, which are confirmed by dateable artifacts.

6. Component Function(s): Mine and Amalgamation Mill
Original Use: Mine and Amalgamation Mill
Present Use: None
Comments: _____

7. Ethnic affiliation of occupants: Unknown
Justification: Lack of ethnic indicators

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