

LOGGING CAMP
Site 5ST970
NORTH SWAN MINING DISTRICT, SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

Feature Descriptions

Feature 1 Cabin Remnant

Size: 14x34 ft

Description: Workers erected a log cabin on a cut-and-fill platform at the intersection of two roads, on the west edge of a clearing. They assembled the structure with saddle-notched logs and chinked gaps with mud retained on the interior with log strips and on the exterior with planks. The cabin was a southeast-facing side-gabled structure. The southeast and northwest walls featured 56 by 36 inch sliding windows, the southwest wall featured a 28 by 34 inch window, and the doorway was in the southeast wall. Currently, only the walls stand, the roof is gone, and the south corner burned. Two roads pass around the structure, and traffic exhumed small artifacts. The clearing southeast is heavily overgrown and the rest of the surrounding area is blanketed with duff. Shallow buried yard deposits may lie under the road southeast and more are probable in the clearing, where rodent backdirt exhumed small items.

Feature 2 Privy Pit

Size: 5 ft diam, 3 ft deep

Description: The pit manifests as a depression 5 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep with backdirt piled south. A tree grows out of the pile and a log footer is visible on the pit's edge. The area is heavily vegetated and blanketed with duff, which may conceal artifacts. The pit probably possesses little depth and meaningful buried deposits are unlikely.

Feature 3 Stable Remnant

Size: 14x16 ft

Description: Workers built a log stable against the northeast side of the western cabin, and because the cabin served as one side of the structure, they only erected southeast, northeast, and northwest walls. Workers assembled the structure with saddle-notch joints and chinked gaps with split logs on the interior. The northwest wall featured a window and the southeast wall featured a doorway 4 feet wide. Currently, portions of the walls stand.

Feature 4 Cabin Remnant

Size: 15x21 ft

Description: The cabin, identical to the site's eastern cabin, was built on a cut-and-fill platform. Workers assembled the structure with saddle-notched logs and chinked gaps with mud retained by small logs and log strips. The southwest and northeast walls featured windows and the southeast wall featured a doorway 30 inches wide. The cabin remnant currently features partially standing walls. The interior is vegetated with sod, while ground-cover and willows surround the area. As a result, few artifacts are visible. Shallow buried yard deposits are likely on the remnant's southeast side.

Feature 5 Privy Pit

Size: 4 ft diam, 18 inches deep

Description: The pit lies across the road and northwest of the site's center cabin remnant. The pit manifests as a depression with backdirt piled downslope. A rock alignment, which supported the privy structure, bounds the pit's southeast side. Refuse lies within the pit, which may possess buried deposits.

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Feature 6 Cabin Remnant

Size: 15x21 ft

Description: The cabin, identical to the site's center cabin, was built on a cut-and-fill platform. Workers assembled the structure with saddle-notched logs and chinked gaps with mud retained by small logs and log strips. The southwest and northeast walls featured windows and the southeast wall featured a doorway 30 inches wide. The cabin remnant currently features partially standing walls. The interior is vegetated with sod while ground-cover and willows surround the area. As a result, few artifacts are visible. Shallow buried yard deposits are likely on the remnant's southeast and southwest sides.

Feature 7 Privy Pit

Size: 4x6 ft

Description: The privy pit manifests as a rectangular outline of rocks that supported a privy structure. A bush grows out of the center and no artifacts are visible. The pit appears to have been shallow and may have been capped. Shallow buried deposits are possible.

Feature 8 Road

Size: 9 ft wide

Description: The road ascends northeast along the North Fork of the Swan valley, passes through the site, and continues to Rexford (Site 5ST969). The road served as a principal artery to the logging camp and other, unrecorded sites within the valley, and is heavily used by recreationists.

Feature 9 Road

Size: 9 ft wide

Description: The road extends southeast, crosses the North Fork of the Swan, and ascends to Wise Mountain. Along the way, it passes through the Carrie Mill site (Site 5ST972) as F21, and through the Carrie Mine (Site 5ST971), near the summit of Wise Mountain, as F15.