

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

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Historic Architectural Component Form

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Use this form in conjunction with the *Management Data Form*. One of these forms should be completed for each building or structure. Include a photograph, sketch map, and a photocopy of the quad map showing building location.

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource Number 5ST987 2. Temporary Resource Number: _____
- 3. Map ID Number / Feature Number or Code: Feature 9
- 4. Building or Structure Name: Cabin
- 5. Complex/Site Name: Baldy Boss Claim
- 6. Photograph Number(s): _____

II. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

- 7. Complex/Building/Structure Type: Side-gabled log cabin
- 8. Architectural Style: Western Mining Vernacular
- 9. Building Support System: Workers assembled the cabin with square-notched logs originally chinked with mud and built the roof with log rafters.
- 10. Dimensions: L 14 x W 22 = Square Feet 308 Ft
- 11. Number of Stories: One
- 12. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
- 13. Landscaping or Special Setting Features: The site lies amid a pre-existing prospect complex and across a road from a sawmill on Site 5ST268.
- 14. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects - Describe material and function (map number / name):
F.10: Deck, F.11: Walkway, F.12: Foot Bridge, F.13: Privy, F.14: Propane Tank

For the following categories include materials, techniques and styles in the description as appropriate:

- 15. Roof: Log rafters support the roof, which consists of planks clad with several layers of tarpaper. Workers used thin logs to seal the gap between the roof and walls underneath the roof gables, and cut planks to fit around the rafters underneath the roof eaves.
- 16. Walls: Workers assembled the cabin with square-notched logs originally chinked with mud.
- 17. Foundation/Basement: The cabin's log wall footers rest on soil.
- 18. Chimney(s): A modern stovepipe projects through the roof's west side.
- 19. Windows: The original windows were replaced with large sheets of glass. The east wall features a fixed 57 by 34 inch window. The south wall features a ground-level 57 by 34 inch fixed window and a 22 by 19 inch fixed window under the roof gable. The north wall features a ground-level 34 by 29 inch fixed window and a 34 by 15 inch fixed window under the roof gable.
- 20. Doors: The east wall features a 34 by 69 inch door made with recent planks.
- 21. Porches: The cabin's east side features a 7 by 31 foot deck (F10), made with planks nailed to joists.
- 22. General Architectural Description: The log cabin stands on flat ground amid prospect adits. The structure is side-gabled, 14 by 22 feet in area, 7 feet high at the roof eaves, and 11 feet high overall. The cabin's front faces east and the doorway opens onto a plank deck built in later years. Workers assembled the cabin with square-notched logs originally chinked with mud. The log wall footers rest on soil and are decaying. Log rafters support the roof, which consists of planks clad with several layers of tarpaper. Workers used thin logs to seal the gap between the roof and walls underneath the roof gables, and cut planks to fit around the rafters underneath the roof eaves. A modern stovepipe projects through the roof's west side.
The original windows and door were replaced; the windows with large sheets of glass and the door with one of new planks. The east wall features a 57 by 34 inch window and a 34 by 69 inch door. The south wall features a ground-level 57 by 34 inch window and a 22 by 19 inch window under the roof gable. The north wall features a ground-level 34 by 29 inch window and a 34 by 15 inch window under the roof gable.
The cabin stands in fair condition. A sign on the door states: "Breckenridge Foundation This is the Baldy Boss Mining claim. This claim and cabin is a base of operations for the Father Dyer Film Project". Within recent years someone chinked gaps on the cabin's exterior with mortar and boarded over the south windows. Because the wall footers are succumbing to rot, the west wall sags. Industrial machine, wagon, and other parts, probably from the sawmill and Ouray Mine on the adjacent site, as well as circa 1960s and 1970s domestic items, were cached around the cabin. Confirmed and potential historic items were inventoried and recent items were not.

Small artifacts lie scattered to the east of the cabin and sod blankets the area surrounding the cabin. Shallow buried deposits are possible along the cabin's north, east, and south sides.

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III. FUNCTION

23. Current Use: None
24. Original Use: Residence
25. Intermediate Use(s): Apparently the cabin was used as a darkroom and office for a film project.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

26. Architect: Unknown

27. Builder: Unknown
28. Date of construction: Actual _____ Assessor _____ Estimate 1890s-1910s
based on: Wire nails reflect construction after around 1890, and the architectural style suggests a pre-1920 date.
29. Modifications: Minor___ Moderate___ Major___ Moved___ Date _____
Describe Modifications: None
Additions and Date: None
30. Associated Contexts and Historical Information: None

V. OTHER RECORDING INFORMATION

31. Specific References to the Structure/Building: No
32. Archaeological Potential: Yes X No ___ Justify: The areas east, north, and south may offer shallow buried domestic deposits.
33. Recorder(s): Eric Twitty
34. Date(s): August 30, 2003