

**GOLDEN EDGE MILL**  
**Site 5ST990**  
**BALD MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT, SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Feature Descriptions**

- Feature 1                      Foundation  
Size: 10x18 ft  
Description: The foundation consists of dry-laid rock alignments on unaltered ground. The foundation's function is unknown.
- Feature 2                      Mill Platform 1: Ore Receiving Bin Foundation  
Size: 9x20 ft  
Description: Workers graded a cut-and-fill platform for a bin that received crude ore for the mill. Dry-laid rock footers constructed along the platform's edges supported the bin. A few artifacts remain.
- Feature 3                      Mill Platform 2: Primary Crushing  
Size: 18x36 ft  
Description: Mill Platform 2 featured a stamp battery that crushed crude ore contained in the bin located upslope. Workers cut the platform out of the mountainside and erected the stamp battery against the east bank and metals-recovery and other facilities on the rest of the platform. They also constructed a frame building supported by heavy timbers around the machinery. The platform is currently blanketed with debris from the collapsed mill building, and the stamp battery toppled northward. The stamp battery was 18 feet wide and 15 feet high, and consisted of four 12x22 inch posts and a 12x12 inch cross-member. The posts and cross-member feature sockets and bolts for machinery and scars left from a drive pulley. Remnants of the battery box pedestal are visible under the frame's foot and a portion of an amalgamating table lies under the frame's mid-area. The timber foundation for the mill's horizontal steam engine is partially visible under the frame's east side.
- Feature 4                      Mill Platform 3: Boiler Room  
Size: 15x18 ft  
Description: Mill Platform 3 enclosed a portable boiler, a feed-water tank, and possibly mill appliances. Workers cut the platform out of the mountainside and the platform's southern 10 feet are concurrent in elevation with Mill Platform 2. The northern portion's floor is 2 feet lower. Structural debris lies on the platform.
- Feature 5                      Road  
Size: 8 ft wide  
Description: The road descends from the south, curves past the mill, and joins F16. Workers graded the road with cut-and-fill methods and threw aside cobbles as traffic loosened them. The road provided access to the mill.
- Feature 6                      Stream  
Size: 3 ft wide  
Description: Workers excavated a channel to direct water past the mill. The channel is straight and is flanked by rocks that workers cleared from the water's path.
- Feature 7                      Cabin Remnant  
Size: 12x15 ft  
Description: The cabin remnant consists of the decayed remnants of log walls approximately 1 foot high. Workers built the cabin on a cut-and-fill platform just large enough for the structure and excavated a shallow ditch on the upslope edge to divert snowmelt. They appear to have constructed the cabin with V-notched logs. Charred logs indicate that the structure burned. The area surrounding the cabin is blanketed with duff and a road (F17) passes around 10 feet to the west. The area within and around the remnant may feature shallow buried deposits, and a few artifacts lie around the remnant.

Feature 8 Cabin Remnant

Size: 12x20 ft

Description: The cabin was a front-gabled log structure 12 by 20 feet in area and 5 feet high at the roof eaves. Workers built the cabin with V-notched logs and chinked gaps with mud retained by log strips. Three log beams supported the roof, and the floor, blanketed with soil, was probably made of planks. The cabin's west and north walls featured 28 by 31 inch windows and the south wall featured a 31 by 60 inch doorway. Currently, the roof and east wall collapsed.

The cabin remnant stands on the north portion of a platform 15 by 35 feet in area. Workers erected dry-laid rock walls to retain the southern portion of the platform, which may have supported some sort of structure. Domestic refuse extends downslope amid groundcover and trees, and most of the refuse lies downslope from the cabin's rear. The areas south and west of the platform, as well as the platform surface, may feature shallow buried deposits. The cabin's residents dumped much refuse around a prospect pit, which may also possess buried deposits. Bottle collectors removed debris from the cabin interior and stacked it on the platform.

Feature 9 Corral Remnant

Size: 22x45 ft

Description: The corral remnant manifests as an outline of rocks on unaltered ground. The fence is gone and no rocks bound the east side. A dried sack of natural lime cement serves as the northwest corner. Refuse from the cabin remnant upslope (F8) lies within the rock perimeter.

Feature 10 Refuse Scatter

Size: 18x27 ft

Description: The refuse scatter lies between roads and was dumped by passers-by. The scatter consists mostly of cans older in age as a group than the refuse associated with the residential features on-site. No residential features can be attributed to the scatter and buried deposits are unlikely.

Feature 11 Cabin Remnant

Size: 12x34 ft

Description: The cabin remnant consists of a few logs representing the building's west and north walls. The cabin was assembled with V-notch joints on a cut-and-fill platform. A few domestic items lie downslope and the area features groundcover. The cabin served as a residence for a brief period and may have served as a stable when the mill operated. Shallow buried deposits are likely and they may enhance the understanding of the structure's function.

Feature 12 Prospect Pit

Size: 15 ft diam.

Feature 13 Prospect Pit

Size: 12 ft diam.

Feature 14 Prospect Pit

Size: 11 ft diam.

Feature 15 Road

Size: 7 ft wide

Description: The road, graded with cut-and-fill methods, ascends toward the mill remnant.

Feature 16 Road

Size: 8 ft wide

Description: The road, graded with cut-and-fill methods, is abandoned and represents a historic extension of F15 and F17. The road descends northwest from the site and curves west down Bald Mountain. As rocks became exposed due to traffic, workers cleared them and deposited the rocks on the road's sides.

Feature 17                      Road

Size: 9 ft wide

Description: The road, graded with cut-and-fill methods, is currently heavily used by recreationists. The road extends southwest out of the site and joins the road descending to the Carbonate Mill, which was not recorded due to a lack of integrity. The road also continues north out of the site, passes through the Gold Belle Mine and Mill site (5ST988) as F14.