

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: 5ST990 2. Temporary Resource Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Site/Feature Type: Golden Edge Mill

4. General Site/Feature Description: The Golden Edge Mine saw activity during the early 1890s, when a small rush swept the northwest flank of Bald Mountain. In 1898, a mining company drove exploratory workings (recorded as Site 5ST542) and built a mill downslope from the mine. After driving a tunnel and sinking a shaft, the company quit work in 1901 due to unprofitable ore. During the next 16 years, the Golden Edge changed ownership several times, with mining interests focusing on surrounding claims. The site saw brief occupation in 1908 with a speculative venture, and then was permanently abandoned. The site features the collapsed remnants of the mill, which are predominated by a toppled stamp battery frame. Several platforms, including an engine room and an ore bin foundation, are included in the mill complex. A set of three cabin remnants, a corral remnant, and a refuse scatter lie in the forest east of the mill complex. The site may possess shallow buried deposits that could yield meaningful information. The remnants date to the late 1890s, with some evidence of activity during 1908. The site is recommended eligible for the SRHP and not the NRHP. For a detailed site history, description, and interpretation, see the report noted below.

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5. Historic Component Date(s) and/or Sociopolitical Period: 1898-1901; 1908

Justification: Archival information and dateable artifacts, such as hand-finished bottles, hole-in-cap cans, and other items, represent the 1898 to 1901 timeframe, and the same reflects the 1908 occupation.

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6. Component Function(s): Concentration mill

Original Use: As above

Present Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Ethnic affiliation of occupants: Unknown

Justification: Lack of ethnic indicators

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