

Colorado Cultural Resource Survey

OAHP1400

Management Data Form

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The Management Data Form should be completed for each cultural resource recorded during an archaeological survey. Exceptions to this are isolated finds and re-evaluations, neither of which require a Management Data Form. Please attach the appropriate component forms and use continuation pages if necessary.

1. Resource Number: 5ST990 2. Temporary Resource Number:

- 3. Attachments (check as many as apply)
4. Official determination (OAHP use only)
Prehistoric Archaeological Component
Historic Archaeological Component
Historic Architectural Component Form
Sketch/Instrument Map (required)
U.S.G.S. Map Photocopy (required)
Photograph(s)
Other, specify:
Determined
Determined Not Eligible
Nominated
Need Data
Contributing to NR Dist.
Not Contributing to NR Dist.

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 5. Resource Name: Golden Edge Mill
6. Project Name/Number:
7. Government Involvement: Local X State Federal
Agency: Town of Breckenridge
8. Site Categories: Check as many as apply
Prehistoric: archaeological site paleontological site
in existing National Register District? yes no name
Historic: archaeology site X building(s) structure(s) object(s)
in existing National Register District? yes no X name
9. Owner(s)'s Name and Address: Unknown
10. Boundary Description and Justification: Extent of visible features and artifacts.
11. Site/Property Dimensions: 38 m x 160 m Area: 6080 m^2 (+4047) 1.5 acres
Area was calculated as: Length x Width X OR (length X width) X .785
rectangle/square ellipse

II. LOCATION

- 12. Legal Location
PM 6 Township 7 S Range 77 W Section 3 All 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4
PM Township Range Section 1/4 of 1/4 of 1/4 of 1/4
if section is irregular, explain alignment method: A template was aligned with the Section's north edge.

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13. USGS Quad: Boreas Pass 7.5' X 15' Date(s): 1994 (attach photocopy)
14. County: Summit 15. Other Maps: _____
16. UTM Reference:
A. 13; 414860 mE 4368875 mN
B. 13; 414940 mE 4368875 mN
C. 13; 414940 mE 4368735 mN
D. 13; 414860 mE 4368735 mN
17. Address: _____ Lot ___ Block ___ Addition _____
18. Location/Access: From the intersection of Boreas Pass and Bald Mtn roads, ascend east on Bald Mtn Road approximately 1.4 miles to a switchback. Travel east from the switchback on a gravel road approximately 1 mile and continue as the road veers southeast. Ascend .3 miles to the Carbonate Mill, then follow the road as it curves northeast. Travel .1 miles to an intersection, continue northeast on a two-track road for several hundred feet to the site.

III. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

19. Topographic Feature(s)
 mountain ___ ledge ___ playa
___ hill ___ terrace/bench ___ talus slope
___ tableland/mesa ___ canyon ___ alluvial fan
___ ridge ___ valley ___ plain
___ saddle/pass ___ basin ___ dune
___ alcove/rockshelter ___ floodplain ___
___ cliff ___ cutbank ___
 slope ___ arroyo/gully ___
20. Site Topographic Description (mention named landforms): The site lies on Bald Mountain's northwest flank.
21. Site Elevation: 11,320 feet = (x .3048) 3450.3 meters 22. Aspect: West-facing
23. Degree of Slope on Site: 8-19 24. Soil Depth: Unknown cm
25. Soil Description (character and color): Medium-brown cobbly, silty loam
26. Depositional Environment:
___ Aeolian Colluvial ___ Residual
___ Alluvial ___ Moraine ___ None
___ Other, specify; _____
27. Nearest Water: name/nature: Unnamed creek distance: On-site ft.
28. Nearest Permanent Water: name: Weber Gulch distance: 167.6 m 550ft.
29. Vegetation on Site (list predominant species): Lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, arctic willow, mountain juniper, kinnickinnick, forbes, grasses
30. Vegetation Associations/Communities Surrounding Site: Lodgepole pine and subalpine fir forest grading into open meadow.

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IV. National/State Register Eligibility Assessment

31. Context or Theme: Western precious and industrial metals mining

32. Applicable National Register Criteria:

Does not meet any of the below National Register criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history; or

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory; or

Qualifies under exceptions A through G.

Level of Significance: National State Local

33. Condition

a. Architectural/Structural

Excellent

Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Ruins

b. Archaeological/Paleontological

Undisturbed

Light disturbance

Moderate disturbance

Heavy disturbance

Total disturbance

34. Describe condition: The site features the remnants of three log cabins and a mill. One cabin burned decades ago, one cabin is partially collapsed, and the third cabin collapsed and most logs were subsequently salvaged. All machinery was removed from the mill and the structure collapsed. Bottle collectors perused the refuse scatter associated with one of the cabins and removed debris from the interior. Recreationalists camped at various areas in the site, leaving hearths. Last, recreationalists use the main road passing through the site.

35. Vandalism: yes no describe: _____

36. National Register Eligibility Field Assessment:

Eligible Not Eligible Need Data

Statement of Significance/N.R.H.P. Justification: See the attached sheet.

37. Status in an Existing National Register District:

Contributing Non-Contributing

38. National Register District Potential yes no discuss: See the attached sheet.

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V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

39. Threats to Resource: Water erosion Wind erosion ___ Grazing ___ Neglect
Vandalism ___ Recreation Construction ___ Other (specify): _____
comments: Bottle collectors peruse the structural remnants and refuse dumps.
40. Existing Protection: None Marked ___ Fenced ___ Patrolled ___ Access controlled ___
other (specify): _____
41. Local landmark designation: None 42. Easement: _____
43. Management Recommendations: See the attached sheet.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

44. Previous Actions Accomplished at the site:
- a. Excavations: Test ___ Partial ___ Complete ___ Date(s): _____
 - b. Stabilization: Date(s): None
 - c. HABS/HAER Documentation: Date(s) & Numbers: None
 - d. Other: _____
45. Known collections/reports/interviews and other references (list): None
46. Primary Location of Additional Data: Town of Breckenridge
47. State or Federal Permit Number: _____ Collection Authorized: yes ___ no
Artifact Collection: Yes ___ No Artifact Repository: _____
Collection Method: Diagnostics ___ Grab Sample ___ Random Sample ___ Transect
Other (specify): _____
48. Photograph Numbers: _____ Negatives filed at: _____
49. Report Title: Mining the Golden Horseshoe: An Inventory of Select Historic Sites Around Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado
50. Recorder(s): Eric Twitty Date(s): August 30, 2003
51. Recorder Affiliation: Mountain States Historical
Phone Number: 303)499-4334

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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Eligibility Recommendations

The Golden Edge Mill was associated with the greater Golden Edge mining and milling operation, and the mine was recorded as site 5ST542. The site retains a high degree of archaeological integrity relative to the late 1890s, and the material remains clearly represent a small concentration mill, support facilities, residences, and a corral. The site lies in an inspiring, subalpine setting, which contributes an ambiance and feel of mining in the Rocky Mountains. The site is important on a local level and is recommended eligible for the SRHP under Criteria A, C, and E. Since the site was occupied for a brief time and treated little ore, its associations with trends and themes important on a broad scale are indirect. In terms of the mining West, the site is fairly common in type and condition. For these reasons, the site is recommended ineligible for the NRHP.

In terms of *SRHP Criterion A*, the Golden Edge mining and milling operation was a product of a small, localized rush to Bald Mountain during the 1890s. The rush was locally important since it stimulated a minor wave of excitement, exploration, and investment on Bald Mountain. Because few mines of significance came of the rush, the excitement dematerialized before it drew interest on a statewide level, or stimulated permanent settlement.

In terms of *SRHP Criterion C*, the site is an archaeological example of the type of remote, marginally capitalized, high-altitude mill complex common to the 1890s and 1900s. According to material remains, the site featured a mill, related property improvements, and residential buildings. Structural remnants, artifacts, and features represent aspects of the mill equipment, form, processes, and ancillary facilities.

The domestic features and artifacts clearly portray aspects of the workers, including numbers of residents, gender, socio-economic status, diet, health, and the consumption of substances of pleasure.

The site is also recommended eligible under Criterion C because it is a distinguishable and key entity of the greater Golden Edge mining and milling operation. The mine site is recommended eligible for the SRHP, and together the sites represent a mining and milling operation.

In terms of *Criterion E*, the residential building remnants probably offer buried yard deposits that may enhance the current understanding of the site's residents. In particular, the site's northeastern cabin remnant (Feature 8) offers an associated refuse scatter, some of which lies in a prospect pit. Erosion buried materials in the pit floor, which may constitute a deposit of significance. The arenas of inquiry are similar to those noted under Criterion C.

The Golden Edge Mill site holds the potential for several contributions. First, the site retains integrity and is one of a group of mines and mills attributed to the Bald Mountain rush of the 1890s. For these reasons, the site is a contributing element of Bald Mountain's historic fabric. Second, the group of mines, including the site, is visible from afar, and constitutes a highly visible landscape. The group also forms an interesting, localized visual landscape. Third, most of the sites in the group on Bald Mountain retain integrity and represent a localized mineral rush followed by organized development. The group can form a historic district.

Management Recommendations

Management recommendations suggest several actions. First, the site's most intact cabin remnant (Feature 8) should be stabilized, which would probably include buttressing the walls. Second, because the area sees heavy recreational use, the site's buried deposits are subject to bottle collecting, and research in terms of Criterion E should be carried out before data are lost. Last, designation of a historic district should be pursued.