

HISTORIC SITE FORM -- HISTORIC SITE INVENTORY

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (06-09)

1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: Little Bell Mine Ore Bin

Address: UTM 0456972E 4495688N

AKA:

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Tax Number: PCA-S-98-C

Current Owner Name: Deer Valley Resorts Co.

Parent Parcel(s): S-98

Current Owner Address: c/o Robert Wells, POB 889, Park City, UT 84060

Legal Description (include acreage): 530.46 acres; see Summit County Recorder for description.

2 STATUS/USE

Property Category

- building(s), main
- building(s), attached
- building(s), detached
- building(s), public
- building(s), accessory
- structure(s)

Evaluation*

- Landmark Site
- Significant Site
- Not Historic

Reconstruction

- Date:
- Permit #:
- Full
 - Partial

Use

- Original Use: Industrial
- Current Use: None

- *National Register of Historic Places: ineligible eligible
- listed (date:)

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photos: Dates

- tax photo:
- prints: 2009
- historic: c. date unknown

Drawings and Plans

- measured floor plans
- site sketch map
- Historic American Bldg. Survey
- original plans:
- other:

Research Sources (check all sources consulted, whether useful or not)

- abstract of title
- tax card
- original building permit
- sewer permit
- Sanborn Maps
- obituary index
- city directories/gazetteers
- census records
- biographical encyclopedias
- newspapers
- city/county histories
- personal interviews
- Utah Hist. Research Center
- USHS Preservation Files
- USHS Architects File
- LDS Family History Library
- Park City Hist. Soc/Museum
- university library(ies):
- other:

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Researcher/Organization: Preservation Solutions/Park City Municipal Corporation Date: 11-2009

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4 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION & INTEGRITY

Building Type and/or Style: Industrial/None No. Stories: n/a

Additions: none minor major (describe below) Alterations: none minor major (describe below)

Number of associated outbuildings and/or structures: accessory building(s), # _____; structure(s), # _____.

General Condition of Exterior Materials:

Good (Well maintained with no serious problems apparent.)

Fair (Some problems are apparent. Describe the problems.):

Poor (Major problems are apparent and constitute an imminent threat. Describe the problems.): **General deterioration and some indication of structural problems.**

Uninhabitable/Ruin

Materials (The physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time in a particular pattern or configuration. Describe the materials.):

Site: Remote site located up Empire Canyon in a narrow gully southeast of the Daly-West Mine site.

Foundation: None

Walls: Wood frame.

Roof: Wood boards.

Windows/Doors: n/a

Essential Historical Form: Retains Does Not Retain, due to:

Location: Original Location Moved (date _____) Original Location:

Design (The combination of physical elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style. Describe additions and/or alterations from the original design, including dates--known or estimated--when alterations were made): The ore bin sits against the remains of a waste pile in a narrow gully in Empire Canyon. Aside from the waste pile, it provides the only physical indication that mining activities occurred in the area. The rectangular wooden frame structure utilizes vertical posts on two exterior facades and horizontal boards attached to those posts to enclose the interior bin space. On the east elevation at the bottom of the bin are two chute openings with steel retractable gates. The base of the frame is

secured with large carriage bolts, but in other areas, the joinery is made up of simple notches in the timber posts with horizontal elements being toe nailed into place. The exterior frame is not a complete rectangle, but rather reflects an inclined base to facilitate emptying the contents of the bin through the chutes. Early engineering records state that the inclined-bottom bins were not as structurally sound or efficient as flat-bottomed bins (Kellogg, 258). The exact date of construction cannot be verified, but the Little Bell Mine was active from the late 1880s through the 1920s so the bin likely dates from the active mining era in Park City (1869-1929). In addition, it is of the same type of construction, material, and design used during this period.

Setting (The physical environment--natural or manmade--of a historic site. Describe the setting and how it has changed over time.): The setting is generally remote from the oldest areas of Park City, but has been surrounded by development--residential and recreational--in the last ten years. The grading and mine-related buildings and structures seen in early photographs of the Little Bell Mine have been completely eliminated.

Workmanship (The physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during a given period in history. Describe the distinctive elements.): The physical evidence of the mining era are the materials themselves and the way in which the materials have been used. Publications from the active mining period show this type of ore bin in common use.

Feeling (Describe the property's historic character.): The individual structure conveys a limited sense of mining activities in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Association (Describe the link between the important historic era or person and the property.): The site is associated with the Little Bell Mine and several prominent individuals including Hugh Kilkenny, Solon Spiro, and George Lambourne.

5 SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Not Known Known: (source:)

Date of Construction: c. 1900

Builder: Not Known Known: (source:)

The site must represent an important part of the history or architecture of the community. A site need only be significant under one of the three areas listed below:

1. Historic Era:

- Settlement & Mining Boom Era (1868-1893)
- Mature Mining Era (1894-1930)
- Mining Decline & Emergence of Recreation Industry (1931-1962)

2. **Persons** (Describe how the site is associated with the lives of persons who were of historic importance to the community or those who were significant in the history of the state, region, or nation): Hugh Kilkenny, Solon Spiro, and George Lambourne

3. **Architecture** (Describe how the site exemplifies noteworthy methods of construction, materials or craftsmanship used during the historic period or is the work of a master craftsman or notable architect):

6 PHOTOS

Digital photographs are on file with the Planning Department, Park City Municipal Corp.

Photo No. 1: East elevation. Camera facing west, 2009.

Photo No. 2: Southeast oblique. Camera facing northwest, 2009.

Photo No. 3: West elevation. Camera facing east, 2009.

Photo No. 4: North elevation. Camera facing south, 2009.

Photo No. 5: Little Bell Mine. N.d. *Bea Kummer Collection. Hall Compton Research Library.* Park City Historical Society & Museum. 10 Oct. 2009 Photo #1990.31.19. Electronic. This may be an ore bin that was part of the Little Bell Mine, but it is not a photograph of the subject structure.

Photo No. 6: Little Bell Mine. N.d. *Himes Buck Digital Collection. Hall Compton Research Library.* Park City Historical Society & Museum. 10 Oct. 2009 Photo #Digi.2.4232. Electronic.



Little Bell Ore Bin (east elevation), 2009



Little Bell Ore Bin (southeast oblique), 2009



Little Bell Ore Bin (west elevation), 2009



Little Bell Ore Bin (north elevation), 2009



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