

2.9.2 Cultural and Historical Resources

In 1977, C. Arthur and C. Jennings recorded one historical site (5MF348) within the Trapper Mine proposed permit area during a Class II archaeological reconnaissance. This site is located in the NW1/4, NW1/4 of Section 5, T5N, R91W. Their recommendation for this site was to await detailed archival research on the site and an evaluation of the architectural remains by a trained Colorado historian prior to making a determination of the historical significance. In 1980, Rick Athearn, Colorado State Office Historian for the Bureau of Land Management, evaluated this historic site (see recommendation in Appendix K). Based on the site forms prepared by C. Arthur, Mr. Athearn concluded that this site did not qualify for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

A second identified historic site was located by Archeological Services during the 1980 Class III cultural resource survey of Trapper Mine. This site (5MF950) is located in the NW/NW/NE/NW of Section 10, T5N, R91W and was described as "historic structures with a scattering of recent debris". It is in a small meadow with a spring. The area is presently being used as a sheep watering hole and bedding ground." The recommendation by Archeological Services, is that if the site will be impacted, local informants and local history should be consulted to see if the site is of local significance. In May, 1987, site 5MF950 was surveyed by Nickens and Associates at Trapper Mine's request. Results of the survey are shown in Appendix K, Part XII. Based on the survey results, the State Historic Preservation Officer ruled that site was not eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (App. K, Part XII).