

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company Log Building and Forge Ruins

and/or common William Forsythe Cabin

**2. Location**

street & number N/A N/A not for publication

city, town Thunder City  vicinity of

state Idaho code 016 county Valley code 085

**3. Classification**

Number of contributory buildings and sites: two.

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned

**4. Owner of Property**

name Robert G. Stevens

street & number P.O. Box 308

city, town Ketchum N/A vicinity of state Idaho 83340

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Valley County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Cascade state Idaho

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Idaho State Historical Society

city, town Boise state Idaho 83702-7695

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	N/A moved	date <u>      N/A      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building is a one-story horizontal log structure with a rectangular plan. The round horizontal logs, which were used unpeeled, are notched at the building corners with square notches sawn at the log crowns to create a flush joint. The building has a gable roof supported by log purlins and covered with split shakes. The building's gable spaces are horizontal log.

The Braddock mine building has a gable front elevation with a door opening offset to the left (as one faces the building) and a window offset to the right. These openings are framed with simple milled lumber. The rear and left sides of the building have no openings. The right side of the building has a centered window with the remnants of a double-hung sash window.

Interstices between the building's logs are filled with a combination of split poles on the interior and a mud daub on the exterior.

The nomination includes the ruins of a forge, which is contributory to the site.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** ca. 1902-1908      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building is architecturally significant as a well-preserved example of the type of log construction typically used in the mining camps of the central Idaho mountains during the period 1860 through the Depression era. Specifically, the building represents log construction during the period of mining speculation in the Thunder City-Roosevelt vicinity, 1900-1904. The Braddock building is associated with the development of the Thunder City-Roosevelt mines. Log construction in the central Idaho mining camps typically took the form of round logs notched with square corner timbering. Interstices were usually left between logs and filled with a combination of split poles on the interior and mud daub on the exterior. The purlin-log shake roof combination is also a predominant form, as is the rectangular gable front plan. Numerous examples of such buildings have been recorded in the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory, particularly in Survey 15, a survey specifically of log architecture in the state. Most examples are not as well preserved as the Braddock building, which has historic significance because of its association with Idaho's last major gold rush. Although Thunder Mountain failed to produce significantly until 1984, mining promotion there provided an important stimulus to Idaho's economy after 1900. Only a few structures remain intact from one of Idaho's most interesting gold rushes, and this cabin is of unusual importance as a representative of that era in mining history.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed and estate records of the Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company, on file as MS2/562, Idaho State Historical Society, Boise, Idaho.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.4 acres

Quadrangle name Rainbow Peak

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

**UTM References**

A 

1	1	6	4	7	0	2	0	4	9	8	3	1	5	0
Zone	Easting			Northing										

B 

1	1	6	4	7	0	2	0	4	9	8	3	2	7	0
Zone	Easting			Northing										

C 

1	1	6	4	6	9	0	0	4	9	8	3	2	7	0
Zone	Easting			Northing										

D 

1	1	6	4	6	9	0	0	4	9	8	3	1	5	0
Zone	Easting			Northing										

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing										

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing										

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing										

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing										

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nomination includes the Braddock Gold Mining and Milling Company log building and associated forge ruins and the property on which they stand an area demarked as follows: Beginning at a point (A) 4,000 feet north and 1,200 feet east of USLM 5A, proceed north 400 feet to B, thence west 400 feet to C, thence south 400 feet to

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries** D, thence east 400 feet the point of beginning (

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Merle W. Wells, State Historic Preservation Officer AND Jennifer Eastman Attebery, State Architectural Historian

organization Idaho State Historical Society date February 13, 1985

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city or town Boise state Idaho 83702-7695

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Merle Wells

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 29 July 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

J. Ellouf Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 9/12/85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration