
RAZORBACK BATTERY

Location

HOTHAM HEIGHTS, ALPINE SHIRE

Municipality

ALPINE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8324-0024

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Nominally regional, but has potential for State significance (base on complexity of tramway network and surviving machinery) if a survey reveals sufficient surviving fabric. Scientific significance, and some historical significance as an 1890s find resulting from government-sponsored gold prospecting.

Interpretation of Site	The Razorback mine shows a complex set of features (level and inclined tramways) connecting the mine workings near the ridge to the batterym at the closest position to the mine with sufficient water for power and crushing purposes. The complexity is dictated by the topography. The delivery pipe for the Pelton Wheel is buried for its entire length, to stop freezing in winter.
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History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

The Razorback Syndicate held a lease at the western end of Razorback Reef from about 1895 until 1903. They installed a battery by 1900 (probably earlier), crushing for their own and other mines in the vicinity. The battery was sold in 1903 to a party working the Unique Reef (at the foot of Bon Accord Spur on Washington Creek), and tramway was constructed between that mine and the battery. The Unique mine ceased production in about 1905.

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