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Item 5

Location Number: ES 006

Location: Divide
Coordinates: 38°00' / 117°15' T2N R42E S27
Elevation: 6000'
Map Sources: USGS Tonopah Quadrangle; 1:250,000 Tonopah; Divide 1919
References: Paher; Carlson; Mordy; Site Investigation 6/24/77
Photographs: None Available
Status: Potential National Register Site

After gold was found on Gold Mountain in 1901, mining efforts in the 40-square-mile claim area were organized by the Tonopah-Gold Mountain Mining Company. The camp that grew up about a mine on the saddle running through the area near its center became known as Divide. Divide's greatest activity took place in 1917, when a blind dyke that yielded silver was encountered. Because miners commuted from Tonopah, seven miles northward, the camp did not grow to be very large.

Today the Divide area can be identified by numerous prospect holes, a head-frame, and mine debris. The tailing pile of the Tonopah Divide mine has a shaft, foundations, and pieces of weathered wood. Nearby is another head-frame of good construction.