



## Thaynes Hoist House Roof Collapse

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Thaynes hoist house, located in Thaynes Canyon near Thaynes chairlift at Park City Mountain, was observed to have been severely damaged by the record snow load that accumulated this winter. The building has had significant snow damage to the roofs and walls in the past, and Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History has been planning, as well as fundraising, to make necessary repairs to stabilize the Thaynes headframe and hoist house from further collapse. See photos of the damage below.

The extent of the damage is unknown at this time, and it will be weeks before the snow melts enough to allow for safe inspection of the buildings, assessment of damage and planning for next steps. As always, these historic buildings are interesting to look at, but visitors are advised to stay out of them for their own safety and the safety of preservation and rescue professionals.

“This building collapse symbolizes the challenge that our community faces: to preserve what is left of our historic mining structures in and around Park City,” said Don Roll, co-chair of the Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History committee. “Over the past eight years, Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History has saved seven mining structures at Park City Mountain and Deer Valley Resort. Park City has the only two resorts in North America where you can ski by historic mining buildings. Fortifying them against the elements is a race against time to preserve these majestic structures and Park City’s rich mining history. As we have seen with this roof collapse, as well as the partial collapse of the Silver King Stores building in 2019, once these mining era structures collapse, they are gone forever.”

This summer, Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History is embarking on a five-year project to stabilize and reinforce the Silver King and Thaynes mining complexes by 2027. More than \$500,000 has been raised in donations to date, and a further \$2.5 million will be needed to complete both projects. The goal, in addition to saving these structures for future generations, is to conduct guided tours of these mining buildings, which still have much of their original mining era equipment inside. Learn more about projects and fundraising to save the Thaynes and Silver King mines at <https://parkcityhistory.org/mining/>.

## Thaynes Headframe & Hoist House Photos



Thaynes Headframe & Hoist House in October 2022. The roof on the building right of the headframe legs has been damaged.



South Side (front). The entire roof of the hoist house (right of the orange headframe) has collapsed due to snow load.





A close-up of the same view.



West side of Hoist House (right side when looking at it from the front of the building).

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