F45/8 – Hut floor and fireplace

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Site type:	Mining - Gold[2]
Features:	Fireplace/hearth, Hut floor/site
First Recorded:	20/12/2012
Last Updated:	28/04/2022
Location:	Hidden Valley Track, Croydon Bush
Legal Description:	Section 927 Hokonui SD
Summary:	F45/8 is recorded as a hut floor site of unconfirmed age, association or purpose located near the Whisky Creek water race (F45/9). The site is a flat and relatively open area within regenerating forest and includes a mound of stones from a collapsed fireplace. Scraps of rusting flat and corrugated iron were located nearby, with glass and ceramic artefacts. The proximity of the hut site to the water race may suggest it functioned as a raceman's hut, occupied during the race's construction and maintenance.
Condition:	The condition of the hut area appears to be unchanged as of April 2022. Several fragments of glass vessels and ceramics were noted, and the general area is unlikely to be disturbed.

2022 Field Work

F45/8 was inspected in the field by Chris Jennings and Tristan Russell on 28 April 2022. All site information was updated on ArchSite, including NZTM coordinates (See Appendix A).

Management recommendations

The hut floor is under no immediate threat. If any future works (e.g. forestry or track maintenance) involving ground disturbance are planned in the immediate vicinity, an archaeological authority must be applied for under the HNZPTA.

[2] Although the hut is unknown, it has been categorised as a Mining – Gold site on ArchSite.