The Sound Democrat Mill, constructed in 1905 and 1906, employed a stamping process to treat gold and silver-lead ore extracted from the booming Eureka Mining District above Silverton. The Sound Democrat was in operation for only a short time, yet it represents an important phase in the development of Colorado's mining industry. It is today one of the most complete stamp mills remaining in the West. The Bureau of Land Management has undertaken a program to stabilize and rebuild portions of the mill to ensure its preservation as a significant historic landmark.

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