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**Front Cover:** The Smuggler-Union Mine's hydroelectric power plant, located atop the 365-foot Bridal Veil Falls above Telluride, Colorado. Completed in 1907, the plant's 2,300 volt, 500 kilowatt, Westinghouse AC generator produced power for the mine complex. Water drawn from Bridal Veil Creek and piped through the powerhouse on the left discharges to the left below. The remains of a tower of the aerial tramway once used to reach the site appear above the residence on the right side of the structure. Abandoned in 1953, the plant was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. In 1988 local resident Eric Jacobson leased the site from the successor Idarado Mining Company, restored the historic property and equipment, and resumed generating in 1991. Today the plant provides about a quarter of Telluride's electricity.

**Back Cover:** Looking east along Telluride's main street, Colorado Avenue, with Ajax Peak to the left, an un-named peak above Ingram Falls in the center, and the banner welcoming the Mining History Association's 2016 conference to the right. "If it can't be grown or raised, it has to be mined."