




**COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**

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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME: Hitch Rack Ranch	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2014-016	MINERAL: Granite, granite gneiss	COUNTY: El Paso
INSPECTION TYPE: Preoperation Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Timothy A. Cazier	INSP. DATE: September 18, 2014	INSP. TIME: 15:40
OPERATOR: Transit Mix Concrete Co.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jerald Schnabel	TYPE OF OPERATION: ME - Mineral Exploration	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Preoperation Inspection	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$6,098.83
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 1, 2015

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>NA</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>NA</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>

Y = Inspected and found in compliance / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This was an inspection performed by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) as part of its review of a new Notice of Intent (NOI) permit application. Mr. Jerald Schnabel (Transit Mix) represented the Prospector and was present for the inspection. The Hitch Rack Ranch is accessed from Hwy 115 about 15 miles southwest of Colorado Springs, in El Paso County. The site was accessed from Hitch Rack Ranch Road.

Inspection:

The Division does not require a posted notice for NOIs. A drill rig (see **Photo 1**) was set up at Site B1 at the end of a newly constructed drill road (see **Photo 2**). The drill road was measured (see **Figure 1**). Mr. Schnabel indicated (as stated in the NOI application) that some of the drill roads would be kept for ranch access.

A dozer, skid steer and drill rig were observed on site.

Reclamation:

Revegetation is proposed for the drill pads, and new roads will be seeded. Transit Mix planned to submit borehole abandonment reports.

File Review Notes:

- The proposed total disturbed area is 2.61 acres.
- Transit Mix submitted borehole abandonment reports with the annual report received by the Division on August 26, 2015.
- A modification application was received by the Division for 2 acres of additional disturbance. This modification was approved on September 25, 2015.

Summary:

No problems or concerns were observed.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Drill rig at site B1 (looking east).



Photo 2. Typical drill road (looking east).

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Enclosure

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Andre Laroche, Transit Mix

Figure 1. Hitch Rack Ranch September 18, 2014 Inspection

Satellite Image from 10/22/2011

Legend

 Drill Road

Drill Pad 

1,735 feet measured drill road length

Little Turkey Creek Rd

Google earth

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4000 ft