



**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Baxter Pass Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2000-037	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Rio Blanco
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Travis H. Marshall	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> March 16, 2016	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 15:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Rio Blanco County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Clint Chappell	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> March 29, 2016

**The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.**

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 5/06/16

(AR) RECORDS-----	<u>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY-----	<u>NA</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>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL-----	<u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE-	<u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE-----	<u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION----	<u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS-----	<u>PB</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN----	<u>Y</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP----	<u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE-----	<u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION---	<u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP--	<u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS-----	<u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE-----	<u>Y</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 inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Baxter Pass Gravel Pit is located approximately 33 miles south of Rangely, Colorado off of Rio Blanco County Road 25. The site is a 110c operation that consists of 7.8 acres. Clint Chappell representing Rio Blanco County accompanied the inspector(s) during the inspection.

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The mine is active and evidence of recent excavation was observed at the mine site. Various stockpiles of construction materials were observed within the permit area. It appeared that some of the final grade was being established along the southern permit boundary. It also appeared that the mine was close to being mined out.

No evidence of erosion or off site damage was observed during the inspection.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

No problems or violations were noted or observed during the March 16, 2016 inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Travis Marshall at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone no. 970-241-2042.

PHOTOGRAPHS







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