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# Pike and San Isabel National Forest

South Platte Ranger District Forest Phone: 719-836-2031



MINE NAME: Purple Hill		CLAIM NUMBER(S):	INSPECTOR(S): Anthony Davila, Michael Cunningham (DRMS)				
		CMC 282251					
TOWNSHIP:	RANGE:	SECTION(S):	COUNTY: Jefferson		TYPE OF OPERATION: Mine Plan of Operations		
10 S	71 W	8					
OPERATOR(S):		OPERATOR(S) PRESENT:		INSP. DATE:		INSP. TIME:	
Tom Miller and Markus Raschke		No		August 10, 2017		12:10	

REASON FOR INSPECTION:		DATE OF LAST INSPECTION:			JOINT INSP. AGENCY:		
Reclamation Status	21-Jul-16			Yes			
STATUS:	PLAN EXPIRATION	DATE:	TE: MINERAL:			BOND AMOUNT:	
Reclamation Incomplete	complete 12/31/201:		3 Lode			\$2,996	
DRMS PERMIT NUMBI	COUNTY SUP (Y/N):		PALS NUMBER:				
P-2012	No						
ACREAGE PERMITTED: ACREA		E DISTURBED:		NEPA DATE:		CONTACT:	
1.00		, 0.5		5/30/2013		Markus Raschke	
FOLLOW UP REQUIRE	D: INSPECT	OR'S SIG	NATURE:	11		SIGNATURE DATE:	
No	1	min	1			8/29/17	

# GENERAL INSPECTION FOCUS

The following chart outlines the focus of the inspection and evaluates each area based on their status.

ROADS/ACCESS	Y BACKFILL & GRADING		Y	FOLLOWINGPLAN	NA
SIGNS AND MARKERS	NA	REVEGETATION	Y	ON SITE WASTE	NA
MACHINERY ON SITE	NA	RECLAMATION ADEQUATE	Y	ON SITE FACILITIES	NA
PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING	NA	BOND ADEQUATE	NA	OLD DIG SITES	Y

Y = Inspected and is satisfactory / NA = Not applicable / PC = Problem Cited

# BACKGROUND

Tom Miller and Markus Raschke submitted a MPO to the South Platte Ranger District on February 4, 2013. NEPA was completed on May 30, 2013, and the MPO was authorized on July 9, 2013. The exploration and reclamation were completed in June 2013. This was a follow-up inspection to check on the status of reclamation. During the previous inspection on July 21, 2016, reclamation was incomplete. At that time, one additional growth season was recommended by USFS and DRMS. Approximately 50-60% regrowth had been achieved since last season (2016).

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## **OBSERVATIONS**

I visited Mr. Miller's site with Michael Cunningham of DRMS on August 10, 2017, to document the reclamation work that the operators had completed three years prior. The Purple Hill claim contains a significant amount of regrowth, consisting of mullein, native grasses, and other vegetative cover (photos 1-2). Unlike the Silent Hill claim, noxious weeds do not present a problem and the regrowth is beginning to match the surrounding areas (photo 3). The erosion control has been successful (photo 4). The regrowth occurring on the claim is approximately 70% (photo 5).

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The USFS has determined that the operator has successfully completed the reclamation work on the Purple Hill claim. The bond may be released in its entirety.

# **MAPS**



Figure 1 – 2015 Google Earth image of Purple Hill Location

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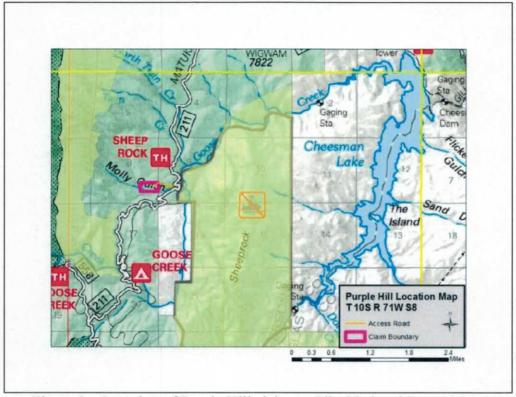


Figure 2 – Location of Purple Hill claim on Pike National Forest Map.

**PHOTOS** 

Photo 1 – Overview of the Purple Hill site, looking north.

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Photo 2 – Regrowth within the disturbance area, facing SE.



Photo 3 - Additional view of the regrowth within the disturbance area, facing SW.

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Photo 4 – View of the erosion control technique, looking NW.

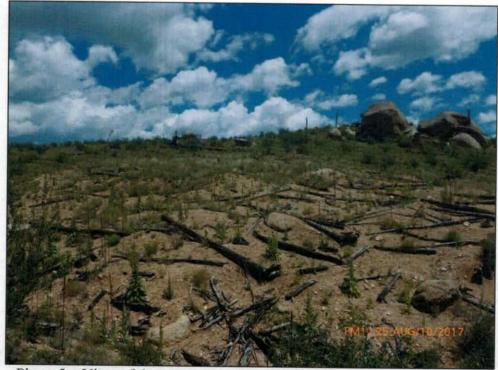


Photo 5 – View of the regrowth within the disturbance area, looking NE.