



**Minerals Plan of Operations Inspection**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**Royal Gorge Field Office**



The BLM has conducted an inspection of your operations, which concludes whether the documented operations on file with BLM are compliant or noncompliant. Any non-compliance issues are reported in the Additional Actions Necessary section of this inspection.

**Operation Type:** ☒ 3809 w/ occupancy ☐ 3809 w/o occupancy

<b>Date:</b> 08/10/2018 <b>Time:</b> 11:24 am <b>Weather:</b> Sunny	<b>Operation Name:</b> Gold Tamers-Field of Dreams Mine <b>Operator:</b> Gold Tamers <b>Case Number:</b> COC73930 <b>CDRMS #:</b> M-2009-056
<b><u>Attendees</u></b> BLM: Amber Sanderson & Sam Marolt  Operator(s): Contacted, but not present  Other(s): None	<b><u>General</u></b> Operation(s) are in compliance with documentation on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Operation(s) and disturbance on-site coincide with the operations and access on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Inspection Purpose:** ☐ Pre-Operations ☒ General ☐ Final ☐ Trespass ☐ Complaint

Inspection Items	Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
<b>1. Method of Operations</b>			
Drill, Trench/Surface Excavation/Highwall, Underground Excavation			
<b>a. Drilling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Pad Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Mud Pits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Borehole Abandonment/Monitoring Well Conversion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete			
• Pad Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b. Trenching/Surface Excavation/Highwall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Trench/Excavation/Highwall Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Trench/Excavation/Highwall Stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Trench/Excavation/Highwall Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c. Underground Excavation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Portal Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Blasting Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Portal Reclamation/Conversion of Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Site Conditions</b>			
<b>a. Material/Waste Rock Management</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b. Erosion &amp; Stormwater Control</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c. Man-made Structures</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d. Weed Management</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>e. Safety Conditions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>f. Interim Reclamation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Inspection Items	Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
<b>3. Housekeeping</b>			
a. Container Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Spills/Leaks Observed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Hazardous Substances/POL Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. General Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Access</b>			
a. Road Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Berms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Surface Water Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Quality Assurance/Quality Control</b>			
a. Routine Site Conditions Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Air, Water, Noise, Other Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Monitoring Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Regulatory Submittals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Agency/Entity Permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7. Final Reclamation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a. Exploration/Sampling Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Access Roads/Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Removal of Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Free of Trash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Additional Actions Necessary

##### Non-Compliance Issues to be addressed by Operator

- All non-compliance items identified in the 07/25/2018 inspection have still not been corrected given the designated 15 day compliance period ending on 08/08/18. The site status remains in non-compliance until the items documented in the 07/05/2018 BLM non-compliance order have been corrected and inspected by the AO.
- Stephanie Carter emailed Joe Widdison (mine owner) requesting images of the corrected non-compliance items on 08/08/18. Mr. Widdison stated the company is awaiting approval of a business transaction to acquire the funds for the excavating equipment to correct non-compliance items #8 & #9. He would need to follow up with Matt Donnelly regarding the remaining non-compliant items (#s 4, 6, 7 & 10).

1.b.i. No dirt work has been performed to correct non-compliance item #9 that was included with the 07/05/18 BLM non-compliance order.

1.b.ii. No dirt work has been performed to correct non-compliance item #8 that was included with the 07/05/18 BLM non-compliance order.

2.b. \*No storm water controls are currently in place at the site. This needs to be done in accordance with the applicable storm water management plan and State of Colorado issued permit. It isn't clear the status of these items.

2.d. Operations and interim management require monitoring and treatment of invasive plants (defined as plants that are not part of the original plant community that have the potential to become a dominant species at the site if not controlled).

2.e. Refer to 1.b.i. & 1.b.ii above.

3.a. A majority of the POL containers have been removed from the site to correct non-compliance item #4, however, there are still some containers remaining (Refer to map and images below).

3.b. \*Oil staining in two separate areas along the eastern region. These areas need to be cleaned and all contaminated soils should be disposed of according to the spill contingency plan documented in your mining plan (Refer to map and images below).

3.d. Some of the trash and other mining related materials have been picked up and removed from the site to correct non-compliance item #6, however there is still quite a bit of trash and mining related materials being improperly stored and managed at the site (Refer to map and images below).

4.c. \*Fence corners and some posts have been installed, however, a fence has yet to be placed around the operations.

4.e. Refer to 2b above.

5.a-c. No documentation was provided regarding the non-operational timeframe, which was needed to correct non-compliance item #10 that was included with the 07/05/18 BLM non-compliance order.

5.d-e. A majority of permits are in place. Follow up needed on the following:

1. \*Refer to 2b above. A storm water permit and associated storm water management plan will most likely be required by the State of Colorado for this operation.
2. Follow-up with MSHA to see what is required for obtaining a site and/or equipment ID number.  
*This has been addressed and the MSHA ID # is 0505084.*

**ITEMS PRECEDED WITH AN ASTERIK ARE NOT COVERED BELOW AND REQUIRE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE OPERATOR.**

#### **Final Notes – COMPLIANCE ACTIONS STILL REQUIRED ARE HIGHLIGHTED**

*Discussions with Matt on 07/25/2018 regarding status of non-compliance items #1-10 that were included with the 07/05/18 BLM non-compliance order:*

#4 Matt stated all items were removed. BLM verified and documented PARTIAL compliance with this item, as some POL containers are still improperly stored and managed across the site. Pictures will need to be provided to BLM to finalize compliance status.

#6 Matt stated some trash was removed, but the rest is being removed today. The tires will be removed tomorrow (along with the dump truck). BLM verified and documented PARTIAL compliance with this item. Pictures will need to be provided to BLM to finalize compliance status.

#7 Matt stated item will be removed within the next three days. BLM verified and documented PARTIAL compliance with this item, as efforts have been made to remove the liner, with advertising it for sale. Pictures will need to be provided to BLM to finalize compliance status.

#8 Matt stated item could not be completed as of yet, because they have no equipment available. INCOMPLETE. This item will need to be completed NLT 8/8/18.

#9 Matt stated item could not be completed as of yet, because they have no equipment available. INCOMPLETE. This item will need to be completed NLT 8/8/18.

#10 Matt stated item was not available, as no monitoring has taken place that he was aware of. However, the site is not abandoned. BLM verified and documented PARTIAL compliance with this item, as no past records are available, but this item will need to be implemented during this time of non-operation. Documentation of interim monitoring, as outlined in the Plan of Operations and associated documents, will need to be provided to the BLM via email. The first week of monitoring and associated documentation will need to be completed by the operator during the week of 7/29/18 and reported to BLM within 5 days following the end of the monitoring week. This monitoring week/reporting sequence will continue into the future, until which time the operator initiates operations.

**THESE ITEMS REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE OPERATOR.**

Proprietary Information: N/A

Date inspection shared with CDRMS:

Date inspection shared with Operator:

### Images

**Image 1:**



Comment: Camper trailer and porta-potty removed, however housekeeping still in non-compliance (e.g. old grill and dumped over garbage can)



**Image 2:**



Comment: Area where generators, batteries and propane tanks were concentrated (Non-compliance item #3 & #5)

### Images

**Image 3:**







Comment: POL containers at the site (Non-compliance item #4)

**Image 4:**







Comment: Trash and other mining related materials not properly managed or stored (Non-compliance item #6)

**Image 5:**



Comment: Black pong liner littered throughout the site (Non-compliance item #7)



**Image 6:**



Comment: Oil spills that need to be cleaned and disposed of according to the spill contingency plan on file.

**Image 7:**



Comment: SW Stockpile still remains outside of authorized operational boundary (Non-compliance item #8)

**Image 8:**





Comment: NW Stockpile still remains outside of authorized operational boundary (Non-compliance item #8)

**Image 9:**



Comment: Stockpiles along the NE trench still remain < 1 foot from the trench bank and contain steep slopes (Non-compliance item #9)

**Image 10:**

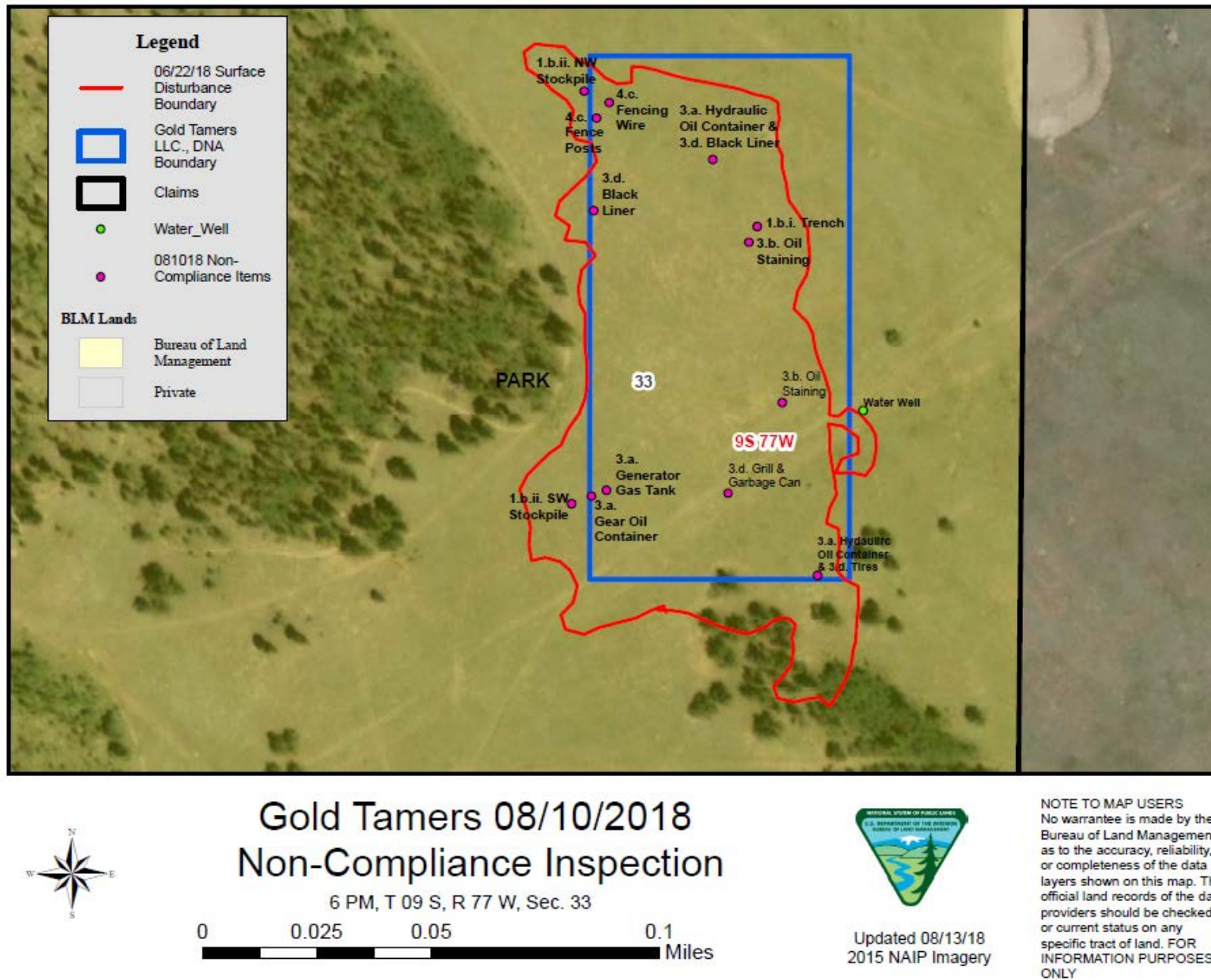






Comment: General site overviews





**Figure 1:** Map of Non-compliance items documented in the 08/10/18. Reference the 07/05/18 BLM Non-compliance order for specific item details.