




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: Ruby Trust Mine	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1979-181	MINERAL: Gold and silver	COUNTY: Ouray
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas J. West	INSP. DATE: September 5, 2019	INSP. TIME: 08:53
OPERATOR: Walker Ruby Mining Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(2) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$18,738.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Cloudy	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 9, 2019	

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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>N</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's Minerals Program. It was also conducted in response to an informal notification received within DRMS stating that unauthorized entry to one of the portals on site was occurring. Division staff found the entry to the portal to be authorized and is not a problem at this time. The Ruby Trust Mine is an active 110(2) underground mine, the commodities being mined are gold and silver. The site currently consists of 2.0 permitted acres and is located approximately 6 miles west of Ouray, CO in Yankee Boy Basin. Public access to the site is controlled by a locked gate. No operator representative was present during the inspection, however Jim Kaiser and Mike Luther of Blackford's Construction were on site conducting site cleanup activities. The Division currently holds \$18,738.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate update was not performed at this time. Five Photos accompany this report to illustrate the site conditions.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site and can be seen in Photo One. Mining activities were not occurring at the time of the inspection, however the construction crew from Blackford's construction was on site conducting a major site cleanup. Scrap metal, miscellaneous equipment and debris was being consolidated for removal from the site. Examples of the debris can be seen in Photos Two and Three. Several items of historical debris not related to the current mining operation were removed from Sneffles Creek, adjacent to the mine site. The crew was also conducting repair work to the road and mining area as it had been eroded during the spring runoff.

The site contains four separate portals. The main portal was secured with a locking steel grate with a Skid Steer parked immediately inside the closure. The main portal can be seen in Photo Four. The mill portal, was observed and confirmed secure. At the time of the inspection a discharge of approximately 20 gallons per minute was observed coming from the mill portal. The water was being conveyed through a series of ditches that reports to a settling pond which ultimately discharges to Sneffles Creek. The portal and its discharge can be seen in Photo Five. The historic portal located at the west end of the site was observed to be opened which can be seen in Photo Six. On site discussions with the construction crew indicate that in addition to site cleanup they had cleared debris from the portal gate and opened it in preparation for the installation of a new more secure closure. This was the portal that was subject to the internal notification of unauthorized entry which was found to be authorized and not of concern at this time. The lower portal located near the settling pond was also observed and confirmed secure. It can be seen in Photo Seven.

The rest of the site including the portal pads, main work areas and office/house structure located on site were in good condition at the time of the inspection. The site exhibits positive drainage and no signs of significant erosion were noted at the time of the inspection. No state listed noxious weeds were observed throughout the site. There are no problems or possible violations at this time. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by phone at 970-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View north showing the proper Mine Id sign posted at the entrance to the site.



Photo two: View north, showing some of the scrap metal and miscellaneous debris consolidated on site for removal.



Photo Three: View east showing more of the scrap metal and debris that is the result of the major site cleanup. All items that are not useable were being temporarily stored in this area for removal from the site.





Photo Six: View west, showing the opened portal at the west end of the site. This portal has been cleared and will be secured with a more secure locking closure.



Photo Seven: View north, showing the lower portal and its minor discharge. This portal is located adjacent to the settling pond and was confirmed secure at the time of the inspection.

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