

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:		
Neglected Mine		M-1981-165	Gold	La Plata		
INSPECTION TYPE:		INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:		
Monitoring		Lucas West	November 12, 2019 14:20			
OPERATOR:		<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:			
Mine Development Inc		Harold Luzar	110(2) - Hard Rock Limited Impact			
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:			
Normal I&E Program		Complete Bond	\$23,221.00			
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:			
NA		None	None			
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE:			
Clear	Adm		November 26, 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 Y	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</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 N	(RV) REVEGETATION <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS Y	(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 Y
(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. The Neglected Mine is an active 110 (2) operation located in the La Plata Mountains, approximately 13 Miles Northwest of Durango, CO at 10,100 Feet in Elevation. The site is an underground Gold mine with support and milling facilities on the surface with nine permitted acres. Access to the site is controlled by a locked gate on a private access road off County Road 204. The Division currently holds \$23,221.00 in financial warranty for the site and a Reclamation Cost Estimate Update was performed. According to staff calculations the currently held financial warranty is sufficient to achieve reclamation. Five Photos accompany this report to illustrate current site conditions.

As seen in Photos One, proper mine identification signage was observed. The permit boundaries were also clearly marked. The site is currently winterized with minimal activity taking place over the past mining season. The portal was sealed with a locked steel door and small temporary berm pushed up to its base, shown in Photo Two. The portal was not draining water during the inspection. The secondary egress/ vent shaft was observed to be in good condition. The storage yard was in good condition, and well vegetated. Equipment stored includes a box truck, lumber, scrap iron and an explosives magazine. The Explosives magazine is secure and appears to be in good condition. The Operator confirms it is empty and prior to the commencement of mining activities next season he will change the locks to allow for access and use. The magazine can be seen in Photo Three. The mill building, which is built on a concrete pad with proper drainage structures to contain any processed water generated during operations was observed and was in good condition. The interior of the Mill building was not inspected at this time. The mill building can be seen in Photo Four. All other surface structures and facilities were inspected. The lined pond was in good condition, as seen in Photo Five. The area above the water line showed no signs of tearing or compromising of any kind. The pond level is lowered by the assisted evaporation process and is low enough to support the addition of any contributions from precipitation events.

The overall footprint of the site was in good condition and free of excessive trash and debris. Topsoil stockpiles were observed and were well vegetated and stable. No noxious weeds were observed, and the site overall is well vegetated with volunteer grasses, shrubs and sapling Aspen trees. The site demonstrates positive drainage and no erosional issues were observed. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203 by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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### **PHOTOGRAPHS**





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