




**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> Orphan View Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2013-016	<b>MINERAL:</b> Borrow material for gravel and sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> Huerfano
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety-Related Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> October 7, 2020	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:15
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Huerfano County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Bill Brunelli and Dustin Hribar	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Related	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> No Bond Held	
<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> October 8, 2020	

**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>N</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----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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 / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Orphan View Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of an acreage release request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on September 8, 2020. The site was previously inspected by the Division on June 24, 2020 as part of the Division's routine monitoring program. Bill Brunelli and Dustin Hribar with Huerfano County, the Operator, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear and warm.

The pit is adjacent to County Road (CR) 640 approximately 1.1 miles west from the junction of the frontage road along Interstate 25. The site itself is approximately 9.2 miles north of Walsenburg, CO. The site is surrounded by rangeland and farmland with the post-mining land use is rangeland. The Orphan View Pit is a 31 acre pit for the removal of construction materials, primarily sand and gravel. Of the 31 acres approximately 12.8 acres may be disturbed at any one time.

The Division sent notice of the release request to the Huerfano County Commissioners, Huerfano County Department of Planning and Development, the Upper Huerfano Conservation District and the landowner. The Division did not receive any comments from the noticed parties.

Huerfano County has requested release of Phases 2 and 3, 14.2 acres, of the permit area. The acres are located in the western portion of the permit area and Phase 3 borders an adjacent permit, WSG Hribar Pit M2009-027. The release is being done in advance of an incoming amendment for the WSG Hribar Pit that will permit over the area. No mining or disturbance has occurred in either of the phases.

Based on observations made during this inspection the release request of 14.2 acres will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter after a 30 day comment period ends. The Operator will need to submit a Technical Revision to update the Mining and Reclamation Plan maps to reflect the released acres.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

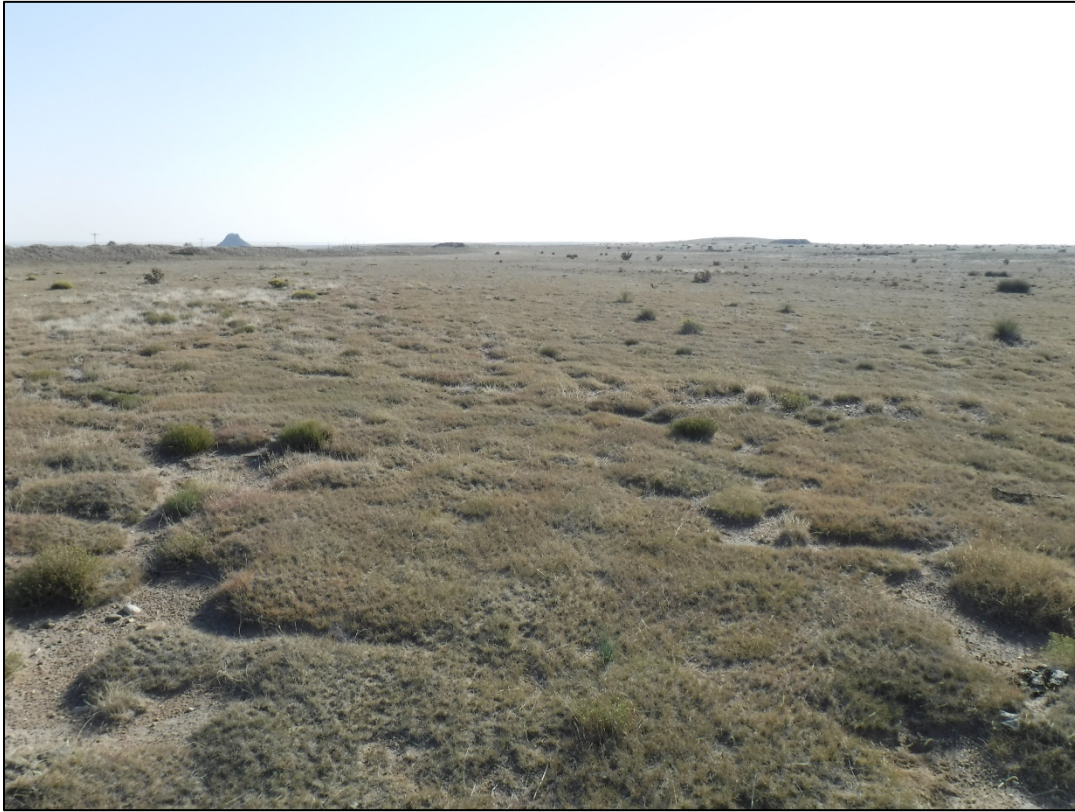


**Photo 1:** Looking south along the western permit boundary, WSG Hribar Pit to the right of picture



**Photo 2:** Looking east-northeast from western permit boundary across Phases 2 and 3, undisturbed





**Photo 3:** Looking east-from western permit boundary across Phases 2 and 3, undisturbed



**Photo 4:** Looking north along western permit boundary from southwestern permit corner





**Photo 5:** Looking northwest across Phases 2 and 3



**Photo 6:** Looking north across Phases 2 and 3