




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: Paonia Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-022	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Delta
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Stephanie Mitchell	INSP. DATE: September 23, 2020	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Mary DiFranco	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mary Young and Robert Orlando	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$4,385.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: 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>Y</u>	(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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</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>Y</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

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Paonia Pit is located approximately ½ mile north of Paonia, Colorado in Mesa County. Mary DiFranco and Robert Orlando accompanied me on the inspection.

The 4 acre pit is currently not active and in final reclamation. The purpose of the inspection was to observe the reclamation success and to observe vegetation establishment. The site was graded exceptionally well and the reclaimed slopes tie into the adjacent undisturbed slopes in a very natural looking way. All reclaimed slopes appear to be no steeper than the required 3H:1V. 80 % vegetation included clover, aster, smooth brome, crested wheatgrass, orchardgrass and intermediate wheatgrass. The road remains in the final reclamation plan and a parking lot was included in a Technical Revision 04 that was approved on 6/23/2020.

Based on the conditions observed during the inspection a request to release the entire permit area(s) is recommended. The Operator must submit a request that meets the process requirements of Rule 4.17. Rule 4.17 states the request must be sent via certified mail, include the address and phone number of all owners of property and such request shall state that the operator has achieved all requirements of the approved reclamation plan.

If this request is submitted within 60 days of this inspection report, the October 8, 2020 inspection can be considered the release inspection.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Stephanie Mitchell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone no. 303.866.3567 ext 8180.

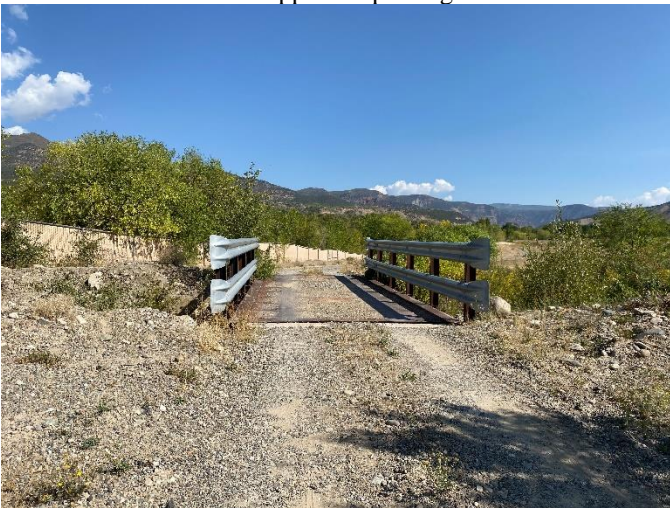
PHOTOGRAPHS



TR 04 Approved parking lot



Road to remain- final rec plan



Road to remain





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