




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: Runzel Gulch	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2020-049	MINERAL: unknown	COUNTY: Delta
INSPECTION TYPE: Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	INSPECTOR(S): Stephanie Mitchell	INSP. DATE: October 6, 2020	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: unknown	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: UN - Unknown	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Other Agency Request		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: 10/2/2020		BOND AMOUNT: No Bond Held	
POST INSP. CONTACTS: None		JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 19, 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>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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>Y</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 in response to an inquiry about a possible coal mine fire or uranium mine located in Delta County. The site lies approximately 8 miles northeast of Hotchkiss, Colorado at the end Runzel Gulch Road. Address is 14299 Runzel Gulch Road. The Division was contacted on October 2, 2020 about a possible operation with various gases emanating from the surface. The site was not active during the inspection. Photos of the area accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions. Division Staff on the inspection included Tara Tafi from the Inactive Mines Program and Stephanie Mitchell with the Active Mines Program.

Staff arrived on site at 11:00 am Tuesday, October 6, 2020. After accessing the property through a gate, we observed an area that appeared to have a recent burn near the road, the rest of the area to the north was evident of a forest fire many years ago. Various debris was scattered all throughout the property, including restaurant equipment, a chicken coop, drill casing, trash and vehicles. A shed and greenhouse were on the property. It appears that there was not a home or residence on the property.

Tara Tafi measured Carbon Monoxide (CO), Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) and Methane gas levels at various locations on the property and all were at zero (0).

No Subsidence was evident, indicative of a coal seam fire.

A neighbor, by the name of John Young, whose address is 14295 Runzel Gulch approached Division Staff on a UTV and was carrying a unconcealed weapon. He informed us that the recent burn area was started by the current property owner, Beau Burger. He notified us that the property was under foreclosure and was going to sale on December 9, 2020. This information was confirmed by Delta County Assessor and Treasurer. He also stated that Mr. Burger can be unstable. At that time, Division Staff left the property for safety concerns.

The Division has determined that it does not appear there is a coal seam fire present or uranium in the area. All responses to this report should be directed to Stephanie Mitchell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by phone at 303.866.3567 ext 8180 or by email at stephanie.mitchell@state.co.us

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