




MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 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: The Mountain Mining Claim	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-008	MINERAL: Gold	COUNTY: Clear Creek
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Peter Hays	INSP. DATE: June 9, 2021	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Joseph Curtis Harden	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: \$1,100.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 17, 2021	

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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</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>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 Mountain Mining Claim site was attempted to be inspected by Peter Hays with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) as part of the Division's monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 28, 2017. Mr. Joseph Harden was contacted via email to arrange the inspection on June 2 and June 9, 2021, however the Operator did not reply to the emails. The Division attempted to call the Operator on June 9th before the inspection, but was unable to reach Mr. Harden.

The Mountain Mining Claim is a 110(2) Hard Rock Limited Impact operation permitted for 0.5 acres. The site is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Idaho Springs, Colorado. The primary commodity to be mined is gold.

The approved Mining Plan allows the Operator to excavate within a 15 feet x 7 feet area up to 7 feet in depth. The Operator is conducting mining activities with hand tools only. The excavation area is located immediately north and uphill of a residential trailer according to previous inspection reports by the Division. The Division currently holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$1,100.00. The approved post-mine land use for the site is forestry.

The site is located at the end of Overlooked Way, which is a dead end road marked as private property with no trespassing signs posted at the beginning of the road. During a phone conversation with Mr. Harden in January 2021, he stated he no longer lives at the site and has moved down to Arvada, CO full time. Since the Division was not able to contact Mr. Harden to schedule the inspection, the current resident of the trailer on the site is unknown and the road is marked as no trespassing the Division did not conduct the inspection.

The Division requests Mr. Harden contact the Division to update the status of the site and to arrange a site inspection.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303.866.3567 x 8124, or by email at peter.hays@state.co.us.

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