




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: Home Ranch	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2021-047	MINERAL: sand	COUNTY: Routt
INSPECTION TYPE: Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	INSPECTOR(S): Tabetha Lynch	INSP. DATE: June 8, 2021	INSP. TIME: 12:00
OPERATOR: Home Ranch LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Moon	TYPE OF OPERATION: IM - Is it Mining	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Citizen Complaint	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: No Bond Held	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: 5/26/2021	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 7, 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>Y</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>Y</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

On May 26, 2021, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received an anonymous citizen's complaint regarding an excavation which was occurring north of Steamboat Springs, the complaint alleged the landowner was excavating and moving materials via haul trucks north on 129 and turning into the Home Ranch near Clark CO and that trucks were leaving Home Ranch loaded with material. On May 27, 2021, the Division spoke with Michael Moon, the ranch manager and discussed the alleged activity. The inspection was scheduled for June 8, 2021, the Division also spoke with Dell Look about the activity at the Home Ranch. The Division has assigned File No. M-2021-047 for this site.

The Division, myself and Jason Musick met Michael Moon at the horse arena and adjacent topsoil pile, the material in question. Home Ranch is located just south of Clark, Colorado at 27315 Home Ranch Rd. Section 27, Township 9, Range 85.

The property representative, Michael Moon, stated that they had been trading excess topsoil from the construction of a horse arena for pit run. The Division acquired GPS data to determine the disturbance associated with the topsoil pile, which was approximately 0.4 acres in size and sloped to approximately 10-15 ft high. It was indicated that no additional material had left the site since the complaint was made and no additional material was planned to be removed from the property without acquiring a permit.

C.R.S. 34-32.5-103(13) defines a "mining operation" as the development or extraction of a construction material from its natural occurrences on affected land. The term includes, but is not limited to, open mining and surface operations. C.R.S. 34-32.5-103(3) defines a "construction material" as rock, clay, silt, sand, gravel, limestone, dimension stone, marble or shale extracted for use in the production of nonmetallic construction products. C.R.S. 34-32.5-103(1) defines "Affected Land" as the surface of an area within the state where a mining operation is being or will be conducted, which surface is disturbed as a result of an operation. Affected lands include, but shall not be limited to, private ways, roads (except those roads that were constructed for purposes unrelated to the operation that were in existence before a permit application was filed with the office, and will not be substantially upgraded to support the operation); land excavations, explorations sites, drill sites or working, refuse banks or spoil piles, evaporation or settling ponds, work, parking, storage, or waste discharge areas, and areas in which structures, facilities, equipment, machines, tools or other materials or property that result from or are used in such operations are situated. Given these definitions, the activities at the Home Ranch are considered to be incidental and no corrective action is needed as long as no additional topsoil leaves the site.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report; a subset of photographs taken during the inspection are included below. For any additional information or questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **720-618-0860**, or by email at tabetha.lynch@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



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