




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: Sheep Mountain Ranch	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2017-022	MINERAL: Sand and Gravel	COUNTY: Huerfano
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: October 12, 2021	INSP. TIME: 11:30
OPERATOR: Huerfano County Conservancy District	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Kent Mace	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Cloudy	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 15, 2021

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Mine Sign

PROBLEM: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 12/14/21

OBSERVATIONS

The Sheep Mountain Ranch site was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on July 21, 2017 for a pre-operation inspection as part of the new permit application. The weather was cloudy and windy.

The entrance to the 112c, 23 acre, mine is off of County Road 550 approximately 1.4 miles west from the intersection of County Road 550 and State Highway 69 which is just west of Gardner, CO. The site is operated by Huerfano County Water Conservancy District. A mine sign was not posted at the mine entrance pursuant to Rule 3.1.12 and has been cited as a problem in this report.

Due to confusion around the time of the inspection Kent Mace was not able to attend the inspection. However, the Division was able to speak with Mr. Mace on the phone later in the day to discuss what was observed during the inspection and what the expected next steps were going to be for the site.

The mine was not active at the time of inspection. The site has entered into final reclamation. The water resources reservoir is filled with water and is operating as designed. The Division received a letter of compliance from DWR on September 16, 2021 showing the reservoir is in compliance with DWR standards.

In speaking with Mr. Mace he indicated the site still needs some minor grading and topsoiling in areas. The disturbed areas of the site did have kochia growing on them. Mr. Mace indicated both he and the rancher working the site are prepared for this and will be planting additional seeds in the future Spring/Fall of 2022 as warranted.

No financial warranty is required for this site.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Sign at mine entrance location



Photo 2: Kochia growing in disturbed areas of the site, east of reservoir



Photo 3: Looking from access road west towards reservoir



Photo 4: Looking north across completed reservoir



Photo 5: Spill way of reservoir



Photo 6: Remaining topsoil stockpile

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</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