




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: Schmidt Site	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2011-014	MINERAL: Borrow material for	COUNTY: Archuleta
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSP. DATE: November 16, 2021	INSP. TIME: 11:35
OPERATOR: Dale and Ellen Schmidt	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Dale and Ellen Schmidt	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$15,140.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: November 22, 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>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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</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 in response to the Operator's request for Full and Final Release of the Entire Permit Area, revision SL-1. The Schmidt Site is an active 110(c) Operation that consists of 2.7 Permitted Acres located in Archuleta County. The site lies just off River Run Road in the Aspen Springs Subdivision approximately 10 Miles West of Pagosa Springs at nearly 7,000 Feet in Elevation. The site was not active during the inspection. The Division currently holds \$15,140.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate update was not performed as a result of this inspection. Three Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

For the last few years this site has been in varying degrees of final reclamation. All reclamation tasks have been completed, the most recent being the backfilling and grading, weed control and stabilization of the east highwall after the driveway relocation project. The details of this project were associated with Technical Revision 2 and involved the installation of a tire bale retaining wall, backfilling and stabilizing the slope. The backfilled area above the east highwall was observed and in good condition. The Operator has diligently removed all weed species from the area, installed a weed barrier and covered the area with rock generated from on site. Photos One and Two show the area above the east retaining wall. This area including the retaining wall appeared to be stable and showed no signs of settling, slumping or erosion. The completion of this task marks the completion of final reclamation of the site.

The excavated area in the center and southern sections of the site were stable at the time of inspection. In the main excavated area, various items are being stored but are not mining related and not considered a problem at this time. The various rock walls and structures, shown in Photo Three, are in good condition and approved to remain post reclamation. All other areas of the site are well vegetated and were stable at the time of the inspection. Also located in the main excavated area is a small stockpile of rock material that is to remain on site for use on the property.

Based on the observations made during this inspection, the Division has determined that the Operator has successfully completed reclamation of the site in accordance with the Act, Rules and Regulations and the approved Reclamation Plan. The Division is approving the Operator's request for full and final release of the entire permitted area. Please see the enclosed Release Request Approval Letter for details.

All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

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Enclosure: Release Request Approval Letter, SL-2

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View south, showing the backfilled area that used to be the entrance to the site, adjacent to the east retaining wall. All backfilling was stable at the time of the inspection and no evidence of erosion or settling was noted.



Photo Two: View southeast, showing the area just above the east retaining wall that has been backfilled graded, and cleared of noxious weeds. The area is in excellent condition.



Photo Three: View West, showing the various outbuildings, non mining related items and small stockpile of rock for landowner use, post reclamation. All mining related features are in good condition.