

Before and After Photo Set 2



View of Southeastern Corner of the Pit March 13, 2020. Operations at the pit had been concluded. So this is the condition at the end of mining. The distance from side to side is about 900 feet. Total depth of the pit is about 25 feet. Many highwalls are 15 to 20 feet high and at a 1:1 or steeper slope.



Very similar view to the photo above, but taken on March 14, 2022. Backfilling and grading is very nearly completed. The total depth in the middle of the bottom of the pit along the drainage line is no more than about 2 feet different from the photo taken in 2020. Most of the reclamation was done by cut and fill to create these final slopes which are very near a 5:1 slope as required in the reclamation plan as well as stated in the lease from the Colorado Board of Land Commissioner. (Note: the color balance in the 2022 photo was adjusted to match the color balance of the 2020 photo. The colors in each of the original photos were very different and could introduce a consideration bias.)