




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: Ghost River Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2003-002	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Huerfano
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: May 18, 2022	INSP. TIME: 09:30
OPERATOR: HCR High Country Repair	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Natasha Goldberg	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: High Priority	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$19,112.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 25, 2022	

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>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>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>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 Ghost River Gravel Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of priority inspection to assess the conditions of the site since the April 2022 Board Hearing. The site was previously inspected by the Division on February 1, 2022 to assess the conditions of the site after the signed Board Order in October 2021. Natasha Goldberg representing the permittee High Country Repair met me at the site. The weather was clear.

The Ghost River Gravel Pit is located in Huerfano County approximately 4.5 miles east of the Lascar exit, Exit 64, from I-25 on County Road 110. The mine is a 110 construction materials permit for 9.9 acres on property owned by Natasha Goldberg. The primary commodity that is mined at the site is gravel for fill and landscaping. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland and the land surrounding the pit is rangeland.

In the April 2022 Board Hearing the Board opted to give the permittee/operator until the July 2022 Board Hearing to submit payment of the unsuspended civil penalty, \$4,300, and begin the necessary work to submit either a conversion application or a 111(1)(b) application to bring those areas affected outside the current permit boundary into a permit boundary. During the inspection Natasha stated a check for the unsuspended portion of the civil penalty had been sent to the Division. As of the writing of this inspection report payment has not been received. Additionally, it was discussed at the site the difference between the conversion and 111(1)(b) applications. The conversion will allow for future mining at the site and the other would mean that reclamation would have to be completed in two years and no future mining could occur. Natasha expressed a desire to do the conversion to add value to the land and sell both in the future. Finally, we spoke about finding a consultant to assist in the permitting and Environment Inc. was recommended to her by a family associate. Natasha mentioned she would probably try and contact them for assistance.

The site was not active at the time of inspection. However there has been some activity at the site since the last inspection. The mobile shelter has been removed from the site as has all the screening equipment. It appears that some stockpiled material has also been removed from the site since the last inspection. It was reiterated there is a Cease and Desist Order on the site and no activities may occur at the site without prior written approval from the Division, this includes no mining or hauling away of stockpiled materials. A violation of the Cease and Desist Order may result in immediate revocation of the permit and forfeiture of the financial warranty.

The financial warranty was recalculated during the previous inspection and it was determined that the current bond amount held is inadequate. In August 2021 the Division issued a surety increase, SI-2, for the site. The Division extended the due date for SI-2 on November 16, 2021 to January 15, 2022. Currently, SI-2 is still outstanding.

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: Looking north from near the mid-point of the southern permit boundary



Photo 2: Looking west from near the mid-point of the southern permit boundary



Photo 3: Looking northeast from main pit area, note near vertical highwalls



Photo 4: Looking northwest from main pit area, note near vertical highwalls and stockpile overburden



Photo 5: Looking southwest from main pit area,



Photo 6: Looking southeast from main pit area,



Photo 7: Looking south from main pit area,

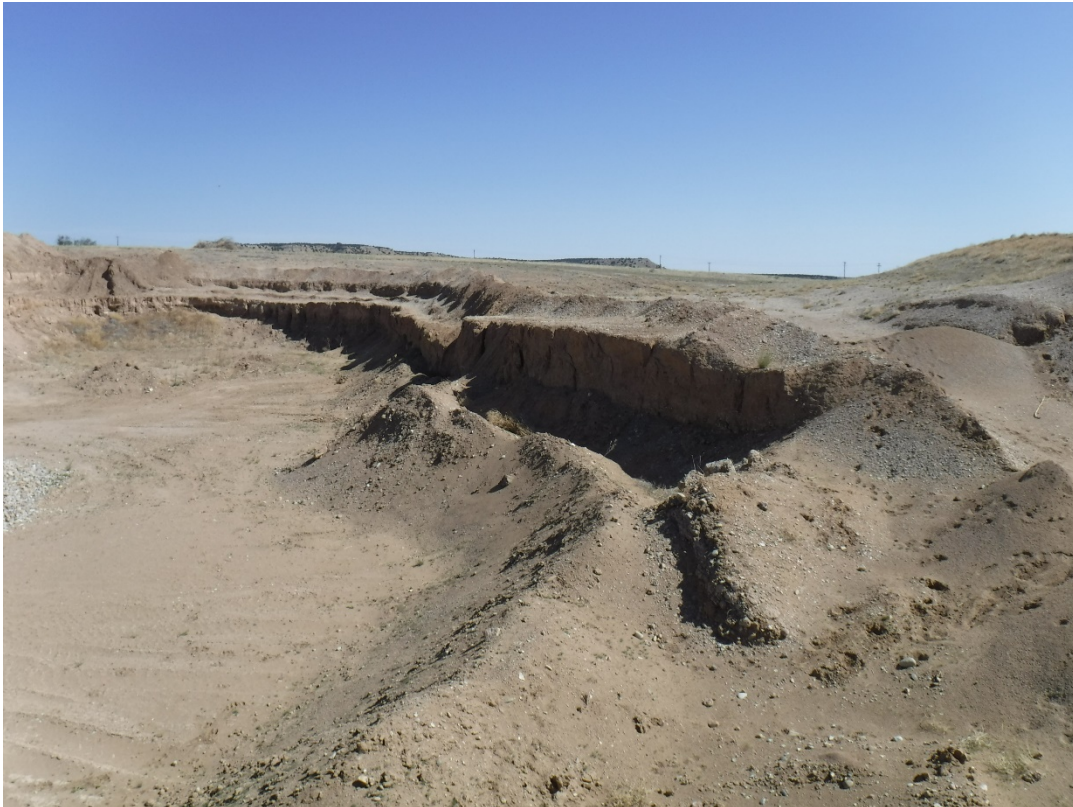


Photo 8: North highwall of pit area,

