

Annual Report-Attachment
Currier Gravel Pit
M-1980-203
June 4, 2022

Mesa County, Colorado

Permitted acreage is less than 10 acres.

Minimal transportation operations or stockpile removal occurred during the report year. Contracted with 3rd party to complete ag weed spraying July 15, 2021. No extraction or processing occurred during the report year. Reclamation activity has been performed on approximately 3 acres of land so far.

Pit has bottomed out (further extraction uneconomic.)

This gravel pit is on intermittent status ("IS"). Mining activity was less than 180 days during the report year. At the time, the operation entered IS there was occasional extraction, crushing and stockpile removal.

Historically, gravel demand for this remote location comes from Forest Service or Mesa County governments. Also, oil and gas companies occasionally need gravel for their well pads and access roads to their drill sites. The last crushing occurred in September 2008 in anticipation of this demand from oil and gas companies. In November of 2008, nearly all oil and gas activity ceased in this area resulting in a stockpile of gravel at the site. Since 2009, the demand for gravel from oil and gas companies and governmental entities has been very low. In July and August of 2021, approximately 600 tons of gravel was removed for use on ranch roads. In September, 2021, a contractor smoothed up the roads around the pit. As soon as stockpiled gravel can be sold and removed, reclamation will be completed. No further extraction or crushing will occur.

Operator anticipates less than 180 days of activity in the coming report year. Future activity would only be trucking off stockpiled gravel. A gravel stockpile remains on site. Acreage is depicted on the submitted map. Legal description on that map was in dispute with the BLM. A settlement agreement was signed with the BLM effective September 26, 2013. The BLM has agreed to sell their claimed land to us. This is still in process but has not yet been accomplished. The BLM advises us that completing the sale is a priority.

Amy Yeldell, DRMS specialist, inspected the pit on 05/03/2018. No problems or violations were cited. Another inspection is expected in the future. As mentioned above, weed spraying occurred during the report year. Pit location markers are located annually. There is no exposed groundwater at the pit. Further reclamation will proceed as soon as the remaining stockpile of gravel is sold and removed.