




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: Leadville Complaint	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2022-026	MINERAL: UNK	COUNTY: Lake
INSPECTION TYPE: Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSP. DATE: June 1, 2022	INSP. TIME: 12:56
OPERATOR: Carol Bellhouse	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Carol Bellhouse	TYPE OF OPERATION: ILL - Illegal	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Citizen Complaint	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: No Bond Held	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 24, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</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>N</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>N</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

This inspection was conducted by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program in response to a received citizen report of a possible unpermitted mining operation. The citizen report was submitted on May 20, 2022 and detailed the existence of on site excavation, road improvements and other items suspected to be in support of an unpermitted mining activities. The report also included several non-jurisdictional items regarding unpermitted water wells and other water infrastructure. A copy of this inspection report as well as the complaint will be forwarded to the Colorado Division of Water Resources to address these non-jurisdictional items. The site is located on patented mining claims named the Sulfide 2, 3 and 4. The claims are located in Lake County just off Highway 91, approximately 8 miles south of the Freemont Pass Summit at an elevation of 10,350 feet. Eight Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

The claims are owned by Carol Bellhouse, who was contacted and was present during the inspection. The main focus of the disturbance is centralized on the Sulfide 4 Claim, with road improvements across the Sulfide 2, 3 and 4. Conversations with Ms. Bellhouse indicate that she entered into a Lease to Own arrangement for the Sulfide 4 Claim with a third party individual. This individual was the person conducting the activity in question. According to Ms. Bellhouse, the road improvements and activities were being conducted in support of the construction of a home site.

The access road shows evidence of significant improvements including brush clearing, widening and installation of storm water control features. The storm water control features appear to be functioning as intended and no evidence of significant erosion or sedimentation was noted along the access road. Examples of the improvements can be seen in Photos One and Two. The access road leads to the location of the disturbance. The disturbance consists of three pads, shown in Photos Three, Four and Five. The evidence observed suggests that the area was disturbed to support the construction of a home site, with possible out buildings. Vegetation has been cleared and excavation has taken place to create the pads. No mining related equipment or evidence of materials leaving the property was observed in this area.

The access road continues past the three pads, to an upper fourth pad. The pad is small, and a backhoe was located in the area. This area appears to be a borrow source for materials needed to construct the pads. The area can be seen in Photos Six and Seven. The footprint of the borrow area appears to coincide with the material located on the lower pad and used in their construction. This suggests that all material for the construction of the pad was generated on site and no material appears to have left the property. No mining related items or equipment was observed in the borrow area.

At all four of the pad locations, no evidence of underground exploration, tunnels or portals was observed. No equipment, debris or earthen evidence support the claim of unpermitted mining taking place on the site. No signs of settling, slumping or significant erosion on the pads or access ways was observed.

Up-gradient of the disturbed area, located on the Sulfide 5 claim, a historic portal and mine-site were observed. This area shows no signs of recent disturbance nor evidence of recent access in the form of roads or tails. The historic portal can be seen in Photo Eight.

During the inspection, Ms. Bellhouse made clear that all agreements with the third party individual have been terminated and no further disturbance of the area will be conducted. Based on the evidence observed, it is the Division's determination that the disturbance created does not constitute mining activity and no further action will be taken. The file is hereby terminated and the citizen complaint is considered resolved as it relates to items under the purview and jurisdiction of the Division. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS







Photo Four: View west, showing the second pad location in the disturbance area. The pad is small and shows no signs of settling slumping or erosion.



Photo Five: View south, showing the third pad area. This area was apparently being constructed using rock, dirt and woody debris as its base. The landowner was unclear of the purpose of this pad.



Photo Six: View northeast showing the upper most pad that was identified to be used as a borrow source. The amount of material used in the lower pad approximately matches the volume of void in this area suggesting that all material was generated and used on site.



Photo Seven: View north, showing another view of the borrow area. The material excavated includes large boulders, gravel sized material and dirt.



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