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M1984103, Independence Pass gravel pit, August 2022 Inspection Report

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Please find attached the report of the recent inspection at the Independence Pass pit.
No action is required on your part.

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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: Independence Pass	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1984-103	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Pitkin
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Leigh Simmons	INSP. DATE: August 24, 2022	INSP. TIME: 12:00
OPERATOR: Colorado Department of Transportation	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jered Morgan	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 26, 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>NA</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The inspection was conducted by Leigh Simmons of the Division, and accompanied by Jered Morgan of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The Independence Pass site is a 110c operation with a total permit area of 5.6 acres, located approximately twelve miles east of Aspen, with access off Hwy 82.

Pursuant to Rule 4. 1. 2 (2), a financial warranty is not required for this site.

No mining had occurred recently at the site, and none was planned. According to Mr. Morgan, CDOT uses the site to store material removed from Hwy 82 following slide events, and to sort and stockpile the material for future highway projects in the area.

A screen was on site, but did not appear to have been used recently.

A substantial portion of the site was occupied by an outfitting company and their horses.

The USFS (land manager) also used a portion of the site to store materials.

A mine ID sign was posted at the entrance to the site.

PHOTOGRAPHS

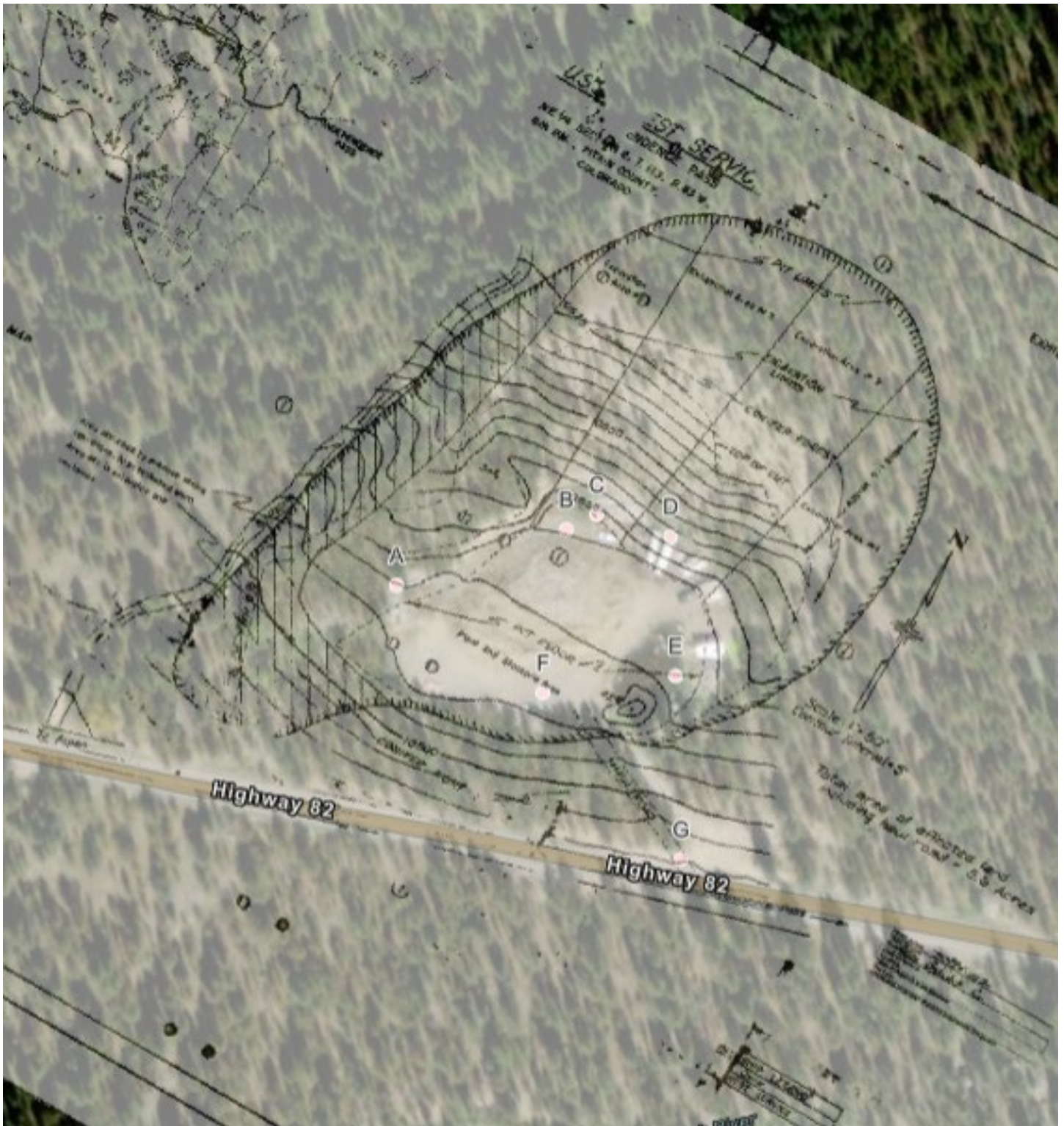


Figure 1: Map of the site from Exhibit C, overlain on aerial image. Locations of photographs shown.



Figure 2: Location of CDPS outfall (A)



Figure 3: Horse corral (B)



Figure 4: Stockpiled boulders and screen (C)



Figure 5: Outfitter's camp (D)



Figure 6: Stockpiled material in background, with horse paddock in foreground (E)



Figure 7: USFS shed and materials



Figure 8: Site entrance and ID sign

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