




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: Kay Claims	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2008-045	MINERAL: Gold	COUNTY: Lake
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSP. DATE: September 7, 2022	INSP. TIME: 09:33
OPERATOR: Mt. Elbert Mining Co., L.L.C.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Dennis Sonnenschein	TYPE OF OPERATION: MP - Mineral Prospecting	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$12,100.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 27, 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>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</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

This inspection was conducted in response to the Operator's Request for a Full and Final Release of the entire Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) after the completion of reclamation. The Kay Claims is listed as an Active NOI located in Lake County, approximately 9.5 Miles Southwest of Leadville, CO at an average elevation of 9,700 feet. The site lies upgradient of the Willow Creek Operation, Permit No. M-1983-011 which is held by the same Operator, on a combination of lands administered by the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Public access is controlled by the gate to the Willow Creek Operation. In addition to the inspector and Operator representative listed on page one of this report, Amy Titterington and other FS Personnel, as well as Angela Belantoni a consultant for the Operator were present during the inspection. The Division currently holds \$12,100.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. Three photos accompany this report to illustrate the observed conditions.

The NOI initially included 46 drill hole locations that were verified to be plugged and abandoned properly, then subsequently modified to include 22 additional drill holes. File review indicates that all abandonment reports have been received and the remaining 22 holes have been reclaimed. The main focus of this inspection was to observe the vegetative cover at the applicable drill locations. Most of the drill holes associated with the NOI were drilled within the existing road where revegetation was not required. Several of the drill hole locations were located along the access road used during prospecting operations. The access road was pre-existing and was not required to be reclaimed as part of this NOI. Of the observed drill locations the holes were unidentifiable based on the quality of the reclamation, and the vegetative cover was as good as or better than the surrounding undisturbed areas. Examples of the hole locations can be seen in Photos One through Three. At the time of the inspection, concurrence on the quality and completion of reclamation was received by the US Forest Service representatives. No signs of settling, slumping or erosion was observed, and no State Listed Noxious Weeds were identified.

Based on the observations made during this inspection, Division Staff has determined that the reclamation of the NOI has been completed in accordance with the Act, Rules and Regulations and the approved Reclamation Plan. The Division is hereby approving the release request, please see the Release Request Approval Letter enclosed with this letter for details.

All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program at 1001 E. 62nd Ave, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. 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.

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Enclosure SL-1 Approval Letter
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PHOTOGRAPHS





Photo Three: View North, showing another example of the reclaimed locations