

March 6, 2023

Franchesca Mallonee
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COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: High Flume Gravel Pit, Permit # M-1990-093, Unresolved Problem(s) Noted in a Past Inspection Report

Mrs. Mallonee:

According to records kept by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), a problem noted in a past mine site inspection report has not been corrected. If the problem has already been corrected, documentation of the corrective action(s) taken to correct the problem(s) must be submitted to our office.

Please see the enclosed inspection report, issued as a result of a past inspection of this site. Problems noted in this report that remain unresolved, according to our records, have been highlighted.

To avoid potential future enforcement actions for non-compliance with State Statutes, Rules and Regulations, and/or conditions specified in your permit, you must submit compliance documentation with the corrective actions specified for each of the indicated problems by ***Monday, March 06, 2023.***

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin Czapla".


Dustin Czapla
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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: High Flume Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1990-093	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSP. DATE: August 17, 2022	INSP. TIME: 12:20
OPERATOR: High Flume Gravel Pit, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program		BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$72,645.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA		POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 		SIGNATURE DATE: August 29, 2022

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Availability Of Records

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Mining has not occurred at the site since 2007. The operation was not placed into Temporary Cessation and final reclamation has not commenced. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5, an Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation (TC) if the mining operation temporarily ceases production for 180 days or more. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.9, TC cannot be continued for more than 10 years. Production at this site has not occurred for over 10 years. Therefore, the Operator must commence final reclamation. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.3, all reclamation must be completed within 5 years.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Notify the Division, in writing, of the Operators proposed schedule for completing reclamation at the site. The schedule must comply with 5 year time limit pursuant to Rule 3.1.3.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 11/30/2022

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the Operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate conditions observed.

The High Flume Gravel Pit is located approximately 11.5 miles south of Durango and accessed from Rancho Durango Road. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 43.06 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$72,645.00 for this site.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

Mining has not occurred at this site since 2007. Consequently, the access road is extremely eroded. The inspector was unable to access the pit area due to the unpassable condition of the access road. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5, an Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation (TC) if the mining operation temporarily ceases production for 180 days or more. The Operator did not file a Notice of Temporary Cessation at the time production ceased. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.9, in no case can TC be continued for more than 10 years. Therefore, the Operator must commence final reclamation. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.3, all reclamation must be completed within 5 years. This has been noted as a problem on page one of this report.

Most of the dilapidated equipment has been removed from the scalehouse area. The scale and scalehouse remain on site.

No other problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.



Mine identification sign at entrance



Access road erosion near scalehouse



Access road erosion near scalehouse



Access road erosion near scalehouse



Scale and scalehouse

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>PB</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

Inspection Contact Address

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