

MINERAL MATERIALS INSPECTION REPORT

Forest Service
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Agriculture

Pike and San Isabel National Forest
Pikes Peak Ranger District Forest
Phone: 719-636-1602



MINERAL MATERIAL OPERATING PLAN					
MINE NAME:		CLAIM NUMBER(S):		INSPECTOR(S):	
Pikeview Quarry		CMC256219		Amy Titterington	
TOWNSHIP:	RANGE:	SECTION(S):	COUNTY:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
13 S	67 W	9	El Paso	Negotiated Sale Contract	
OPERATOR(S):		OPERATOR(S) PRESENT:		INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Riverbend Industries		Yes		January 11, 2023	10:00
REASON FOR INSPECTION:		DATE OF LAST INSPECTION:		JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
New Operation		12/14/2022		DRMS	
STATUS:	PLAN EXPIRATION DATE:	MINERAL:		BOND AMOUNT:	
Authorized	12/31/2023	Placer		DRMS: \$13,389,784 (2020)	
USFS PLAN NUMBER:		COUNTY SUP (Y/N):		DRMS PERMIT NUMBER:	
2850-021209-RP-2022-001		Yes		M-1977-211	
VOLUME PERMITTED:	VOLUME DISTURBED:	NEPA DATE:		CONTACT:	
197,500 LCY	111,222 LCY	CE: 07/28/22		Jerry Schnabel	
FOLLOW UP REQUIRED:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:			SIGNATURE DATE:	
Yes					

GENERAL INSPECTION FOCUS

The following chart outlines the focus of the inspection and evaluates each area based on their status.

ROADS/ACCESS	Y	BACKFILL & GRADING	Y	FOLLOWING PLAN	Y
SIGNS AND MARKERS	NA	REVEGETATION	NA	ON SITE WASTE	NA
MACHINERY ON SITE	Y	RECLAMATION ADEQUATE	NA	ON SITE FACILITIES	NA
PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING	Y	BOND ADEQUATE	Y	OLD DIG SITES	NA

Y = Inspected and is satisfactory / NA = Not applicable / PC = Problem Cited

BACKGROUND

The Pikeview Quarry is a large pit visible from I-25 and much of the northern Colorado Springs vicinity. Specifically, it is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Colorado Springs at the southern edge of the United States Air Force Academy (see Figure 1.1). The quarry was first mined in the early 1900s for limestone aggregate and mining continued under the current owner, Riverbend Industries Inc. (Castle Concrete Corporation), for limestone aggregate from 1970 until operations ceased in 2008. Riverbend

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Industries currently has a Construction Material (112) Reclamation Permit with the State of Colorado (DRMS), which covers an area of 240 permitted acres for reclamation purposes, including up to 26 acres on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The quarry produced limestone aggregate until 2008 when a landslide occurred within the quarry on private lands and shut down all mining-related operations. No mining – related operations have occurred since 2008.

In 2001, the Forest Service approved a Special Use Permit for an enhanced reclamation project, which also included a permitted operating plan and a contract for the sale of 200,000 yd³ of material from NFS lands bounding the Pikeview Quarry. The intent of the contract was to allow the proponent to utilize the requested NFS material as part of the larger reclamation of the quarry on the adjacent private lands. The operator has not exploited material from the Pikeview Quarry since 2001 and 197,500 yd³ remain on the original contract for disposal.

PSICC Forest and Grassland Supervisor signed the Supplementary Information Report (SIR) on July 28, 2022, and the contract was re-authorized by the Deputy Regional Forester on November 4, 2022. According to site usage report, the first use of material from NFS lands started on November 28, 2022. To date, 37,926 cubic yards (2,736 cubic yards since December inspection) have been removed from the North Borrow Area and 73,296 cubic (28,440 cubic yards since December inspection) have been removed from the South Borrow Area (cumulative 111,222 cubic yards).

OBSERVATIONS

I visited the site in coordination with DRMS to conduct a monthly compliance inspection of the Pikeview Negotiated Sale contract. To date, Riverbend Industries has removed approximately 111,222 loose cubic yards of NFS fill material for use in the backfill of the main pit area (Photo 2).

The site was not active today due to a safety standdown by the construction contractor (Photo 3).

However, when the site is active backfill is still being excavated from the north (Photo 1) and south borrow area (Photos 4) and placed in lifts to build up the 2H:1V outslope portion of the backfill in the main pit.

USFS Pike Zone Botanist and Rangeland Specialist Sheila Lamb was present during the inspection to view the site and provide native planting guidance that will be implemented during the reclamation phase of the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No problems were cited during this inspection. Continue to monitor.

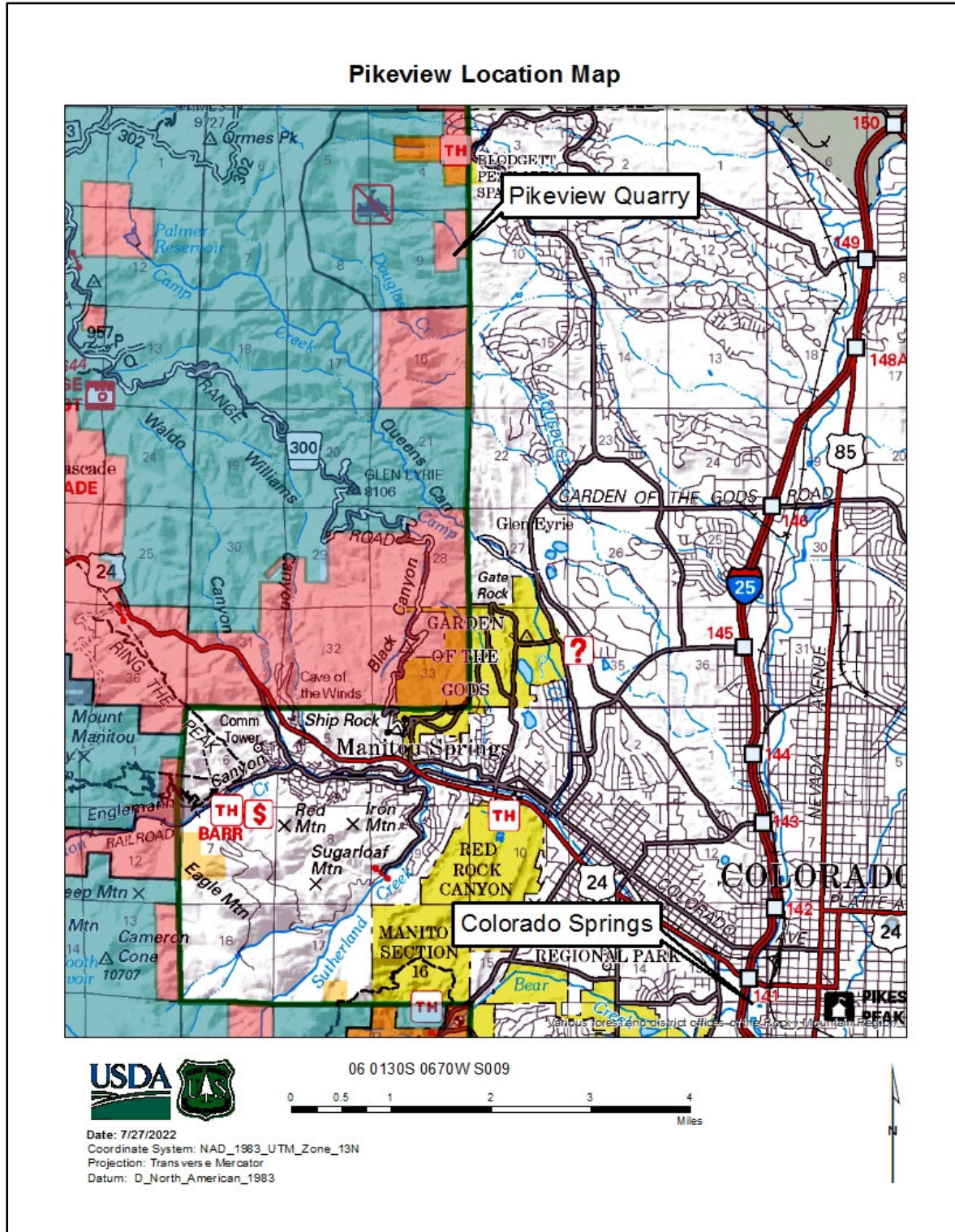
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Figure 1 – Location Map of the Pikeview Quarry



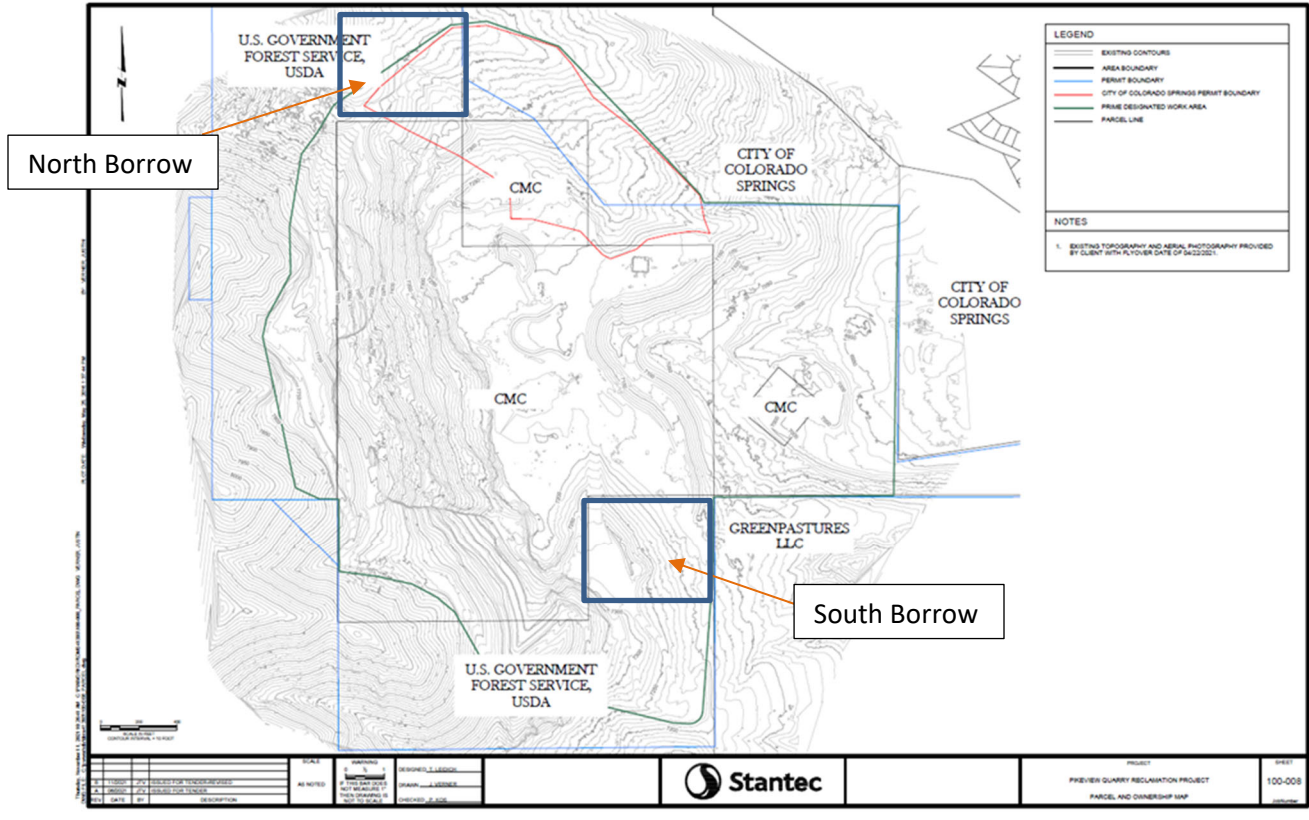
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Figure 2 – Ownership Map of Pikeview Quarry area



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PHOTOS



Photo 1 – Material is being mined from North Borrow Area.



Photo 2 – Fill material is being actively placed in main backfill area.

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Photo 3 – Staging area for contractor’s equipment. They were not working today due to a safety stand-down.



Photo 4 – Fill material being actively removed from USFS South Borrow Area.