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HG Loadout Inspection Report

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AM

To: "Kawcak, Miranda" < mkawcak@peabodyenergy.com>

Miranda,

Please see the attached March inspection report for HG Loadout C-1992-081. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Kind regards, **Hunter Ridley Environmental Protection Specialist**





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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1992-081 Mine Name: Hayden Gulch Loadout Operator: Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC Operator Address: Ms Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Routt Operation Type: Loadout Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private Operator Representative Present:			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: March 30 Inspection Start Time: 08:30 Inspection End Date: March 30 Inspection End Time: 09:00			Inspection Type: Coal Partia Inspection Reason: Normal I Weather: Clear	*
Joint Inspection Agency: J		Joint	Joint Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Post Inspection Agency: Post		Post	ost Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date: 4/4/2023		Signature Date:	
Hunter Ridley			4/4/2023	
Michael Cunningham				

Inspection Topic Summary

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection R - Roads

N - Availability of Records R - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading
 N - Revegetation
 N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste
 N - Subsidence

N - Explosives
 Y - Fish & Wildlife
 N - Slides and Other Damage
 N - Support Facilities On-site

Y - Hydrologic Balance R - Signs and Markers

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
N - Support Facilities Not On-site
N - Other
N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a partial inspection of the Hayden Gulch Loadout; DRMS Permit No. C-1992-081, operated by Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC. No activity was occurring on site at the time of inspection.

Permit Revision No. 2 (PR-2) and Bond Release No.2 (SL-2) were issued by the Division. PR-2 modified the approved reclamation plan and post-mining land use for the major portion of the Hayden Gulch Loadout, consistent with the transfer of former rail spur areas to the Town of Hayden (Hayden) for recreational use. The former rail spur area has been converted to a recreational trail for the use of residents and visitors to Hayden under a locally managed "Tracks-to-Trails" program (Photos 5 and 7) Two ponds are present within this released area (Photos 6 and 8).

Areas not phase III bond released in the permit include the former haul road, maintained by Routt County (Photo 4). The haul road and associated areas includes 214.1 acres, of which 96.6 are disturbed. Technical Revision No. 12 (TR-12) was approved on February 24, 2023 and allows for permanent retention of this haul road. The other remaining, not yet bond released area is directly north and south of Hwy 40, to be reclaimed to agricultural use. This includes 6.8 acres of which 2.3 are disturbed (Photo 3).

Permit Renewal, RN-06, is currently in processing with the Division. The decision date has ben extended to **May 5, 2023**.

SIGNS AND MARKERS—Rule 4.02

Mine identification markers were observed throughout the site. The required phone number information is currently blocked off from signage (Photos 1 and 2). This was discussed with TC representative Kevin Copeland at the Foidel Creek Mine inspection dated March 30, 2023. **Please update the division when signage has been appropriately amended.**

ROADS – Rule 4.03 Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3), Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4), Surfacing and Maintenance4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6), Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7): The haul road was well maintained and no issues were noted (Photo 4). This area will be ready for release once the snow melts and its associated features are able to be fully inspected.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3: The remaining permit area North of Hwy 40 was snow covered and unable to be fully inspected. This portion of the permit is planned to be incorporated into adjacent hay fields. Inspection contact stated previously that they are aiming to release this final area in the coming year.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine signage located near Highway 40.



Photo 2: Mine sign located at the end of the unreleased haul road.



Photo 3: Snow-covered hay fields North of Highway 40, yet to be released.



Photo 4: Haul road was plowed and well maintained.



Photo 5: View looking North across the Tracks-to-Trails area.



Photo 6: View looking Northwest across Tracks-to-Trails area. Large culverts are located to the west which drain the Rail Loop Pond 002 and Dry Creek which runs through the site.



Photo 7: View North of Dry Creek which runs through the Tracks-to-Trails area.



Photo 8: Truck Loop Pond 001 located in the previously released Tracks-to-Trails area. A faded mine identification sign is present.