



**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-015 <b>Mine Name:</b> Fruita No 1 & 2 <b>Operator:</b> Dorchester Coal Company <b>Operator Address:</b> Greg Lewicki 9054 South Forrest Drive Highlands Ranch, CO 80126	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Revoked <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  NA
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> March 30, 2023 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 11:20 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> March 30, 2023 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 12:15		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Complete Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Cloudy	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Clayton Wein	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Clayton Wein</i>		<b>Signature Date:</b>  4/12/2023

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

R - Fish &amp; Wildlife

Y - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

Y - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This report documents the observations made by the Division during a complete inspection of the Fruita No. 1 and 2 Mine conducted on March 30, 2023. The Fruita No. 1 and 3 Mine (Fruita Mine) is a revoked permit, therefore no company representative was available for the inspection. The weather was cloudy with a temperature of 48 degrees F. The ground conditions were dry.

**FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:**

Throughout the inspection of the Fruita Mine, numerous sets of deer tracks and scat were observed on the reclaimed areas.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:**

There is on sediment pond located at the southern portion of the permit boundary. The pond is going to remain as a permanent feature. During the inspection the pond was dry and stable. The embankments had vegetative cover with no erosional features identified (Photo 1). The outlet for the pond is a riprap lined channel. The riprap was in good condition and the outfall was stable.

The reclaimed haul road extends from the base of the hill to the reclaimed portals bench. The haul road is located on a south-facing slope of the Book Cliffs. The haul road was stable with vegetative cover (Photos 2 and 3). There were no new erosional features observed. Previous Division inspection reports have documented a large rill on the lower portion of the reclaimed haul road. The rill has become stabilized and had not enlarged since the previous inspection. Any runoff transported through this rill will flow to the bottom of the hill and into the sediment pond. No off-site impacts were observed. Vegetation on the upper portion of the reclaimed haul road was denser than the lower portion. The upper reclaimed haul road was stable with sufficient vegetative cover. There were no erosional concerns identified.

The portals bench was vegetated and stable (Photo 4). There were no new erosional features observed. There was a small gully on top of the reclaimed bench, as noted in previous Division inspection reports. The gully has stabilized and had not enlarged from previous inspections. Water that would be transported in the gully will flow to the riprap lined channel on the south end of the reclaimed portals bench. The backfilled portals were stable with

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vegetative cover. There were no indications of sloughing or erosion. The reclaimed slop of the portals bench is south-facing and has minimal vegetative cover (Photo 5). These conditions on the reclaimed slope have not changed from observations made during previous inspections. The slope was stable with only minor localized erosion (rills) identified. The riprap lined channel was stable with no erosional concerns identified.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None**

**OTHER (SPECIFY): None**

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**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

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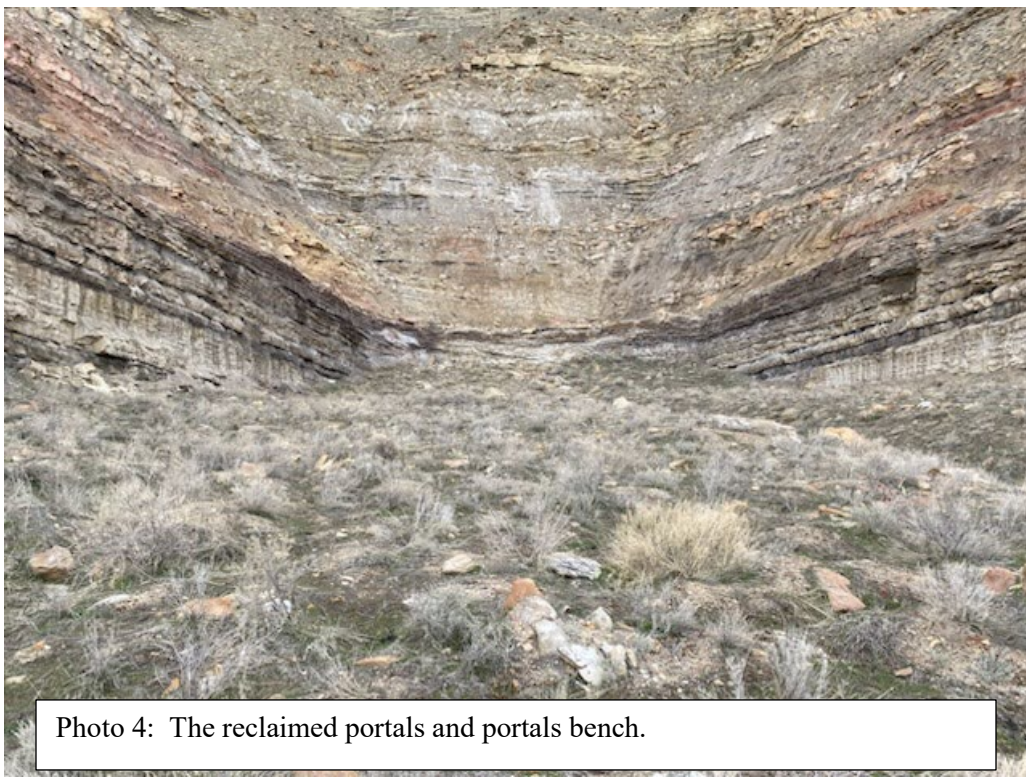
## PHOTOGRAPHS



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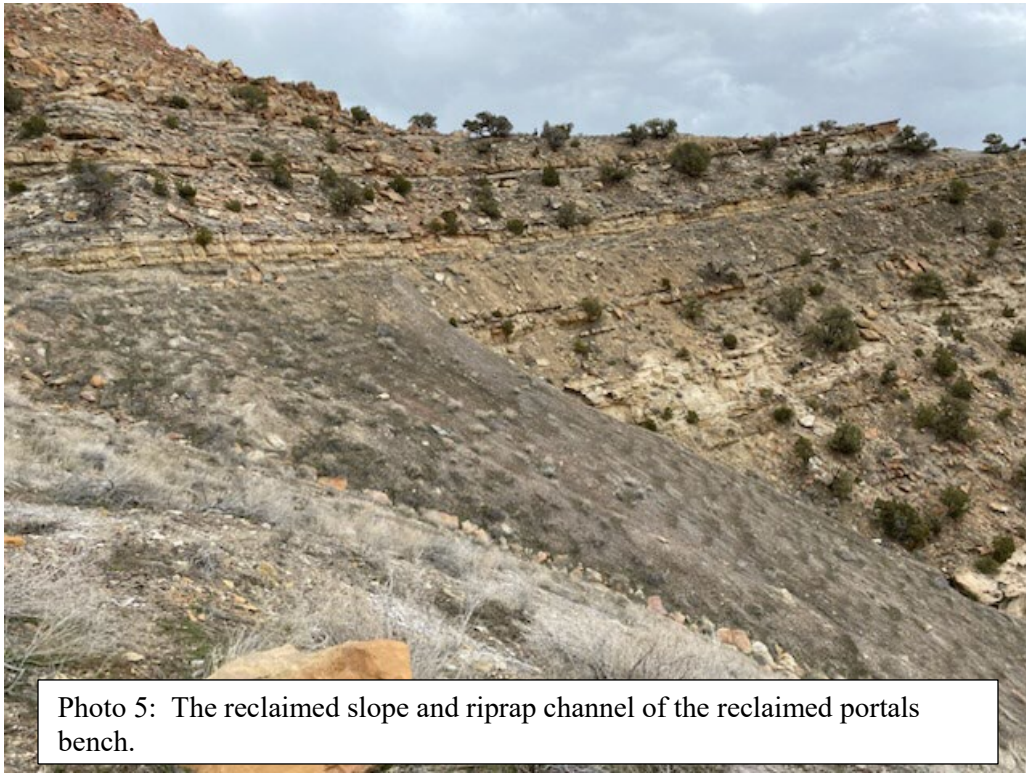


Photo 5: The reclaimed slope and riprap channel of the reclaimed portals bench.

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