




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Weeden Pit No 30	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1993-087	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Prowers
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> May 8, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Baca County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Danny Ausmus	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Brock Bowles	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> May 11, 2023	

**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>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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This was a routine monitoring inspection conducted Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Danny Ausmus of Baca County (Operator) was present for the inspection. The weather during the inspection was sunny and warm with a light breeze. The ground was dry.

This site is permitted by Baca County but is actually located in Prowers County, 9 miles north of Two Buttes. The mine entrance sign was in place facing County Road 21 (photo 1). All the permit boundary markers were in place (photo 2). The entrance gate was locked upon arrival. Cattle with calves were grazing the pit area and chased the vehicles thinking food was being delivered.

No mining was taking place during the inspection and no equipment was on site. A stockpile of material was located in the middle of the pit area. All the slopes around the pit area were graded to 3h:1v. The eastern slopes were not vegetated because the pit area advances to the east (photo 3). The disturbed areas to the west of the pit had been reclaimed.

Topsoil in front of the pit area has been salvaged and is stored in well vegetated stockpiles (photo 4).

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1 – Mine entrance sign facing CR 21





Photo 2 – Southeast permit boundary marker



Photo 3 – Eastern slopes of pit area





Photo 4 – Topsoil stockpile

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