



**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> The Bank	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> P-2014-013	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gemstones	<b>COUNTY:</b> Park
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 30, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Smash Brothers Explorations	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Trent Smith	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> MP - Mineral Prospecting	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$7,100.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Elliott Russell	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 29, 2022	

**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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING--- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION--- <u>Y</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>Y</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

## **PROBLEMS/POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS**

None observed during the inspection.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as a part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. Elliott Russell, with the Division, conducted the inspection. Trent Smith, representing Smash Brothers Explorations (Prospector), accompanied the inspection.

The Bank is a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Activities (NOI) and was approved for the trenching/excavation for a total area of 1.5 acres. The site is located in Park County, approximately 0.75 miles northeast of Lake George, Colorado. The prospecting operation has been completed and the site is in final reclamation.

Backfilling and Grading: The site has been appropriately backfilled and graded to blend with the surrounding area.

Sediment Control: No erosion problems were observed and no BMPs were needed at the time of the inspection.

Revegetation: Appropriate vegetative cover has yet to reestablish on the disturbance area; the Division recommends the Prospector evaluate the site this fall and possibly reseed/inter-seed to help achieve revegetation timelier. No noxious weed infestations were observed on the revegetated disturbances.

Financial Warranty: Following the inspection, Taylor Conway with Smash Brothers Explorations inquired about a possible surety reduction. The Division estimated that a majority of the \$7,100 bond could be released as backfilling and grading has been completed. The Division would need to hold enough financial warranty to cover the cost of implementing the revegetation tasks on approximately 1 acre. The request to reduce the bond will need to be submitted in accordance with Rule 4.14 and 4.16.

Reclamation Success: Once the site has been appropriately reclaimed, the Prospector will need to submit a Request for Reclamation Responsibility Release and a Reclamation Report in accordance with Rule 4.16.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at [elliott.russell@state.co.us](mailto:elliott.russell@state.co.us).

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1.** Backfilled and graded site; looking north.



**Photo 2.** Backfilled and graded site; looking south.



**Photo 3.** Backfilled and graded site, volunteer vegetation establishing; looking west.

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