




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.

MINE NAME: Gunnell Mine	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2021-068	MINERAL: Gold and silver	COUNTY: Gilpin
INSPECTION TYPE: Preoperation Inspection	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: May 18, 2023	INSP. TIME: 09:00
OPERATOR: Jack D Tabb, LLC.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Joe Forster	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Preoperation Inspection	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT:	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Brock Bowles	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 6, 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 pre-operational inspection was conducted in response to a new permit application submitted for the Gunnell Mine, M-2021-068. Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. Joe Forster of Jack D. Tabb, LLC (Operator) was present for the inspection. The weather during the inspection was overcast, warm and with passing rain showers. The ground was dry.

The application was received on April 20, 2022 and deemed complete on July 13, 2022. Adequacy questions were emailed on August 29, 2022. Mr. Forster requested decision date extensions several times and the current decision date is June 30, 2023. According to Rule 1.4.1(9), the decision date cannot exceed 365 days from when the application was filed. If the adequacy questions are not adequately address before July 12, 2023, the matter will have to be set for a Board hearing.

The proposed mine site is accessed from the south by an existing unimproved dirt road that was chained off several hundred feet before the proposed mine site. The proposed 1.38 acre permit area mostly consists of an old tailings pile. Some old super sacks were filled with tailings and staged next to the tailings pile (photo 1). These sacks are the same sacks noted in the original complaint noted in the December 9, 2021 inspection. It does not appear that additional material has been mined or moved (photo 2).

Only the top part of the pile is proposed to be permitted. The north part of the permit area is a steep hillslope that extends beyond the permit boundary (photo 3). Special precautions will have to be taken on the north side so material does not fall down the tailings pile and off the permit area.

The west end of the pile will also need special consideration because the pile extends to the south beyond the permit boundary (photo 4). The part of the pile that extends beyond the permit boundary cannot be disturbed in any way or it will be considered an off-site impact. This includes the side of the pile collapsing beyond the permit boundary.

The proposed southern boundary is immediately adjacent to the old Grand Army building which is not in the permit boundary (photo 5). Special considerations will have to be taken not to disturb any part of this building because it is beyond the permit boundary. Any disturbance to this structure will be considered an off-site impact.

The Bonanza structure across the valley (photo 6) lies within 200 feet of the proposed permit boundary and will have to be documented in the permit and a structure agreement sign by the current owner.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Proposed mining area facing east, entrance road upper right



Photo 2 – Super sacks in staging area next to tailing pile



Photo 3 – Approximate northern permit boundary

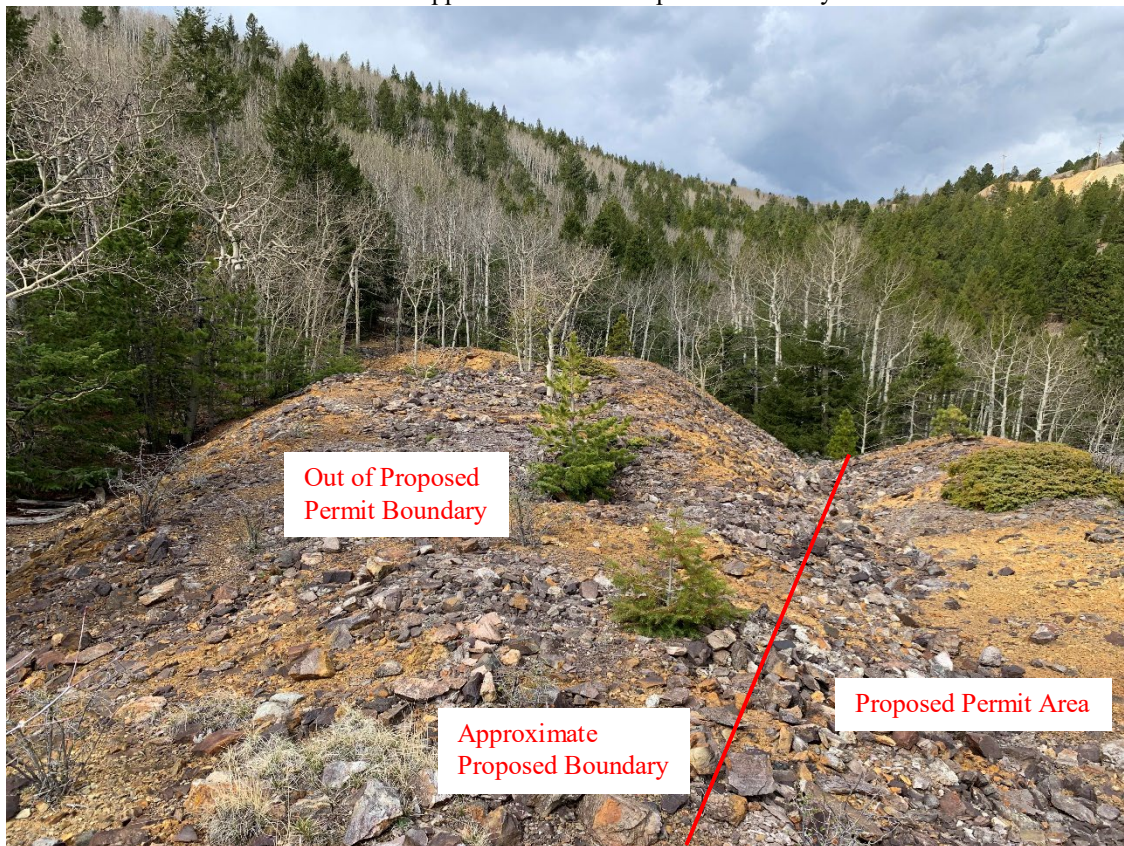


Photo 4 – West end of proposed permit boundary

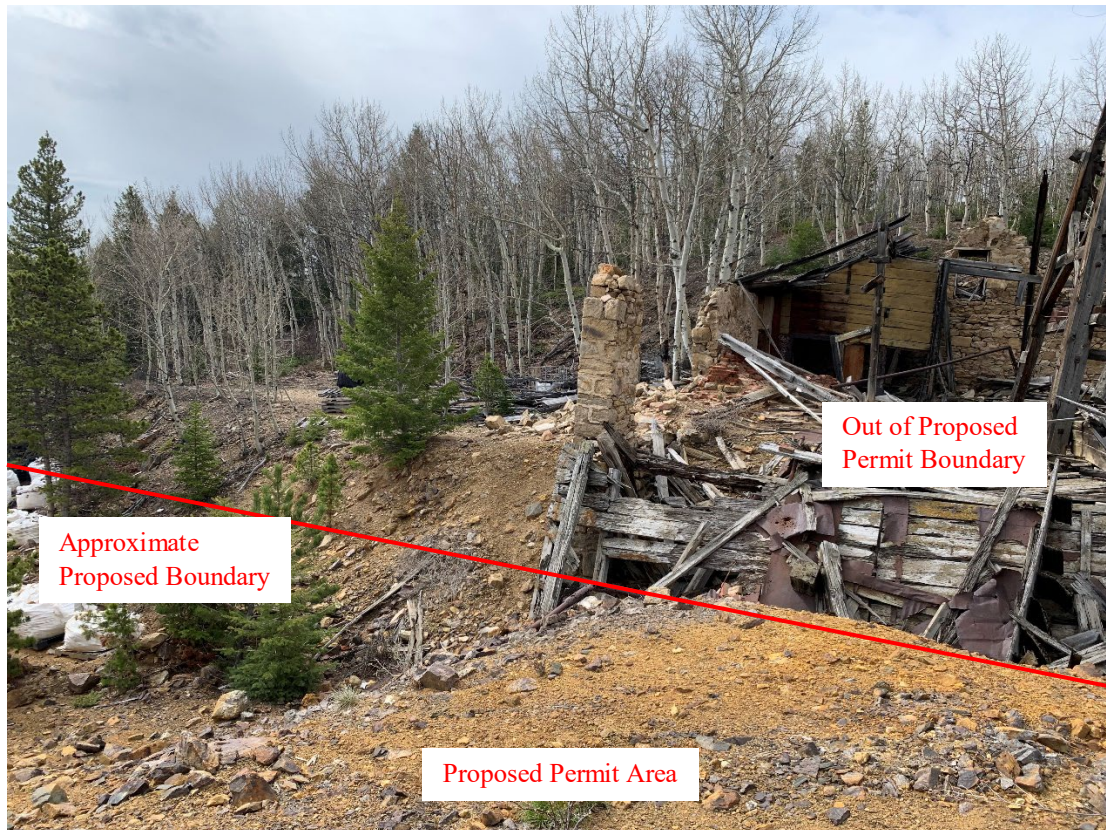


Photo 5 – Grand Army Structure immediately adjacent to permit boundary



Photo 6 – Bonanza structure within 200' of proposed permit boundary

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