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**MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**  
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 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> Bear Hug	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> P-2011-028	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gold and silver	<b>COUNTY:</b> Clear Creek
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 16, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Terry Winters	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Terry Winters	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> MP - Mineral Prospecting	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Partial Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$2,268.23	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Peter Hays	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> June 26, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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**

The Bear Hug NOI site was inspected by Peter Hays with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) as part of the Division's monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on September 11, 2020. Mr. Terry Winters was present during the inspection.

The NOI site is located 2 miles west of Idaho Springs, CO in Clear Creek County. The NOI application was issued by the Division on October 27, 2011. The NOI is considered non-confidential by the Division. The land ownership is private and consists of 17.04 acres. The minerals being investigated are gold and silver. The prospecting was originally estimated to be completed by 2030.

The prospecting activities are allowed over the entire 17.04 acres. The prospecting activity consists of hand digging test pit to a depth of 16 inches at a 2 foot spacing between the pits. The excavated material is processed through a trommel and a spiral classifier. The processing of the excavated material requires the use of water. The Prospector uses a cattle tank to capture rainfall and snow as the source of water for the prospecting activities. The water is recycled and there is to be no discharge of process water to the ground surface. The Prospector moved the trommel up the hill since the last inspection. All test pits are required to be backfilled with the excavated material prior to the end of each season.

The small excavation located at the top of the access road observed during the last inspection was expanded into a trench by the Prospector. The trench was estimated at 50 feet in length, 2 to 5 feet in height and 6 feet wide. Mr. Winters stated the clay seam located along the southern base of the trench contained mineral deposits. The trench was being excavated from east to west along the clay seam.

The Division holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$2,268.23, which appears adequate to reclaim the prospecting area observed during this inspection.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303.866.3567 x 8124, or by email at [peter.hays@state.co.us](mailto:peter.hays@state.co.us).

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the trommel and prospecting trench looking west



View of the prospecting trench looking east





View of the western end of the trench looking uphill



View of the cattle tank