




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.

MINE NAME: The Mountain Mining Claim	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-008	MINERAL: Gold	COUNTY: Clear Creek
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: June 16, 2023	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Joseph Curtis Harden	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Joseph Harden	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(2) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$1,100.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Peter Hays	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 27, 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 Mountain Mining Claim 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 and to evaluate the site for final release. The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 28, 2017. Additionally, the Division attempted to inspect the site on June 9, 2021. Mr. Joseph Harden and Ms. Jolene Wollett, representative for the Operator, were informed of the inspection, but were not able to attend the inspection.

The Mountain Mining Claim is a 110(2) Hard Rock Limited Impact operation permitted for 0.5 acres. The site is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Idaho Springs, Colorado. The primary commodity to be mined is gold.

The approved Mining Plan allows the Operator to excavate within a 15 feet x 7 feet area up to 7 feet in depth. The Operator is conducting mining activities with hand tools only. The excavation area is located immediately north and uphill of a residential trailer according to previous inspection reports by the Division. The Division currently holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$1,100.00. The approved post-mining land use for the site is forestry.

The site contains a newly constructed steel building, approximately 25' x 50' in size, with two (2) garage doors on the south side. It appears Mr. Harden's residence was raised by the new landowner for the construction of the building. The property contained debris including; wood pallets, scrap metal, plastic fuel container, a wheel-barrel, a ladder, propane tanks, a 55 gallon plastic drum, workout equipment and other debris. No mining activities or equipment were observed during the inspection.

The site address is 1000 Overlooked Way, Idaho Springs, CO 80452. The site is located at the end of a dead end road marked as private property with no trespassing signs posted along the road. During a phone conversation with Mr. Harden in January 2021, he stated he sold the property and no longer lives at the site. Based on the Division's research, the property is now owned by Dustin and Courtney Donovan. The Donovan's were not contacted by the Division prior to the inspection, however a business card was left on the door to the building. The Division has not heard from the Donovan's as of the date of this report.

Since the property has new landowners and no signs of mining activity were observed during the inspection, the Division recommended the Operator submit a final release request for the site following the inspection. The final release request (SL1) was submitted on June 23, 2023 and deemed complete by the Division on June 27, 2023. Notice letters for the release request were sent under separate cover.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the new building from the south looking north



View of the new building from the southeast looking northwest



View of the west side of the new building



View of the debris located southwest of the building



View of the debris located east of the building

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