




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: Front Range Feed Lot Borrow	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2016-041	MINERAL: Borrow material for	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: June 28, 2023	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Ames Construction, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Donald Crouse	TYPE OF OPERATION: 111 - Construction by Government Agency	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$20,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Eric Scott	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 29, 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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>NA</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>NA</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This was a surety release inspection conducted by Eric Scott of DRMS, accompanied by permittee representative Donald Crouse of Ames Construction. The Front Range Feed Lot Borrow site is an 8 acre 111 permit that was approved in August 2016. Mining activity ended at the site in 2016-2017. The approved reclamation plan for the Front Range Feed Lot Borrow permit is rangeland. The permit identification sign was present near the site entrance (photo 1).

Ames Construction submitted their second surety release request (SL2) on June 22, 2023. DRMS sent the required release request notices on June 26, 2023, and also spoke by phone with property owner, Mr. Trent Horton, who stated that he supported release of the permit at this time.

During the previous inspection in late 2021, it was noted that severe overgrazing by cattle had destroyed whatever reclamation vegetation had been present, not only on the permit area, but the entire property (photos 2 and 3). Subsequent reclamation efforts by Ames included reseeding, soil stabilization and discussions with the property tenant regarding grazing practices on the reclaimed areas. These efforts have been successful, as can be seen in attached photos 4-6. The long-term success of the on-site revegetation will depend on grazing practices at the site, and some areas have already been overgrazed at this time. However, the vegetation has been successfully re-established, and the reclamation standards have been met. DRMS will approve the release request at this time. The reclamation bond will be returned at the end of the 30 day appeal period, if no objections are received.

Photo 1

Inspection Contact Address

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Site identification sign near site entrance from Weld County Rd 49.



Photo 2 – Site in late 2021 – Overgrazing had destroyed all reclamation vegetation.



Photo 3 – Site in late 2021 – Overgrazing had destroyed all reclamation vegetation.



Photo 4 – Site after revegetation in 2023. This area of permit has been grazed already.



Photo 5 – Site after revegetation in 2023. This area of permit has been grazed already.



Photo 6 – Cattle now grazing in adjacent reseeded area.