



# LAKE COUNTY

## Public Works

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Annual Report  
Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety  
Department of Natural Resources  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215

Re: Permit No. M-1977-459  
Lake County Gravel Pit  
Anniversary Date: July 8, 2023

Gentlemen;

The payment of \$791.00 for the annual fee for the above referenced permit will be paid through ePermitting.

The activity in the calendar year 2022 consisted of mining and crushing approximately 15,000 tons of road base material during the period July 9, 2022, to July 8, 2023. The material mined consisted of taking down material on existing disturbed areas as shown on enclosed map and cutting down the stockpiled material from previous years mining. The pit was expanded to the west to allow for the removal of a high wall situation.

Reclamation for the year 2022 consisted of stockpiling existing topsoil from the pit area to the east side of the pit. Also, in 2022, we have continued our program of stockpiling topsoil from outside sources, such as new road construction around the County in anticipation of future reclamation work.

During the year 2022, The area that was disturbed to remove the high wall had very little to no topsoil, so Lake County continued to accumulate topsoil from outside sources. It is expected that there will be new disturbances in 2023. New disturbances will be along the SW edge of the pit to increase the pit floor for material stock piling. All other mining activities will be within previously disturbed areas of the existing pit. Production for the calendar year July 9, 2023, through July 8, 2024, will be between 20,000 and 25,000 tons of road base material.

Lake County Contracts with Chaffee County for weed control. The mine site was treated with a mixture of 1.5 oz. Telar and 7.0 oz. Milestone per acre. Weed control is usually applied in late June and on a as needed basis after the first application.

As in the past, Lake County also uses this mine site and crushing equipment to recycle asphalt that has been removed from County and City roads. This practice while not a mining activity has been in effect for 10 plus years. The crushed asphalt is then re-incorporated into new construction projects as well as on existing roadways throughout the County.

Please contact Michael Irwin, Public Works Director at 719-486-0259 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Irwin  
Director  
Lake County Public Works