




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: Humming Bird Mine	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2017-035	MINERAL: Gemstones, fluorine, copper	COUNTY: Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 5, 2023	INSP. TIME: 10:10
OPERATOR: Miners Mall, LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Dennis Schneider	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(1) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$4,726.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: U.S.BLM	
INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 14, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</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 inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. The Humming Bird Mine is a 110(1) surface mining operation that includes a total of 1 acre. The site is located approximately 13 miles south of Whitewater, Colorado in Mesa County. The mine is located on the north side of 141 at the entrance of Nancy Hanks Gulch in Unaweep Canyon. The site can be accessed from a hiking trail west of the parking lot or from the north side of the permit via a jeep trail. Brittany Cocina and Bill Boss represented the BLM. Dennis Schneider, of Miners Mall, LLC, was present. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

No changes to the site have occurred since the previous inspection. The Operator continues to work with MSHA to obtain the necessary permits to continue underground mining operations. The Division has not received any formal notices of noncompliance or similar from MSHA. Based on this prolonged permitting process the Operator has indicated they will likely revise their permit to add additional land to support surface (open pit style) mining. The Division discussed with the Operator the process for modifying their plan through the amendment process and they are aware that other necessary permits must also be revised so that they concur.

The mine sign and boundary markers remain in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. Safety fencing has been installed in various locations throughout the permit boundary. The entire permit boundary is not fenced in. Misc. signs are also posted at key locations throughout the mine site.

The site was inactive at the time of the inspection. Very few tools or equipment were being stored on site at this time.

The Ridgetop Project Area remains at phase 2. The Ridgetop portal structure has not been installed so the shaft is neither completely open nor completely closed and secured. The excavated fault area also remains open. No additional work has been done in the Connector Project Area. The portal grate remains in place with a small foot path cleared for access.

The waste rock and topsoil piles appear to be stable. There is no erosion from the piles. The topsoil has good vegetation establishment. Halogeton and Russian Thistle were observed growing on topsoil pile. Weeds should be treated to preserve topsoil, given the small area, hand pulling may be most effective.

The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$4,726.00 for this site. The bond was last updated in 2022 as part of the approval of AM-2. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division will update the reclamation cost estimate. If the financial warranty is found to be insufficient a Notice of Surety Increase will be sent under separate cover.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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Enclosure: 6 photos

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Access road from Nancy Hanks



Photo 2: Equipment and misc. being store adjacent to the Ridgetop Project Area



Photo 3: Ridgetop Project shaft



Photo 4: Ridgetop Project excavated fault line



Photo 5: Topsoil stockpile with newly established weeds



Photo 6: The Connector Portal, remains grated