




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: South Fork Pit		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1987-019		MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Grande
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring		WEATHER: Clear		INSP. DATE: July 19, 2023	INSP. TIME: 09:30
OPERATOR: Rio Grande County		OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Patrick Sullivan		TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program		BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None		BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA		POST INSP. CONTACTS: None		JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse		INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 		SIGNATURE DATE: August 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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

This inspection report was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The South Fork Pit is a 110c Operation operated by Rio Grande County Road and Bridge. The site is located approximately 10 miles west of the town of Del Norte, CO at an elevation of approximately 8080 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate off CR-50 and the site consists of 9.9 acres to be reclaimed for the post mine land use of rangeland. Pursuant to Rule 4.1.2(2) no financial warranty is held for the site. Patrick Sullivan, a representative of Rio Grande Road and Bridge, was present for the inspection.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site. Permit boundaries are clearly marked with either fence line or t-posts. The site was not active at the time of the inspection and no mining/processing equipment was present. There are no on-site support facilities or hydrocarbon storage of any kind. The site acts as an intermittent source of material for Rio Grande Road and Bridge. Equipment is brought to site when there is a need to mine and process more material.

Mining has been conducted according to the submitted plan within the permit boundary. Material was extracted at approximately reclamation grade resulting in no highwall on site. The side slopes of the pit are stable and well vegetated in most areas with volunteer species - showing no signs of erosion or slumping. The pit floor has multiple stockpiles of various sized materials both processed and unprocessed. In addition to product stockpiles there is also a topsoil stockpile along the northern edge of the pit. There appears to be an adequate amount of topsoil stockpiled for the permitted reclamation plan. All stockpiles are protected by volunteer plant species and appear stable. No state listed invasive species were identified on site during the inspection. No water was observed in the pit despite the proximity to the Rio Grande River. Multiple deer were seen bedded down at the bottom of the pit and moved toward the river during the inspection.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

No problems or violations were noted or observed during the July 19, 2023 inspection.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 720-688-0626 or by email at todd.jesse@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



View to the north showing proper Mine ID signage posted at the entrance to the site.



View to the east fence that marks permit boundary



Overview of the pit looking to the northwest with stockpile of pit run material in foreground and screen material in background.



View to the north along the eastern edge of the pit showing slope of pit walls and volunteer vegetation.



View to the west along northern edge of the pit showing topsoil stockpile.

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Enclosure

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