




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: Soward Ranch Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1988-021	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Mineral
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 19, 2023	INSP. TIME: 16:30
OPERATOR: Big Bull Dog Trucking, Inc	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy Riggs	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$15,034.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 16, 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>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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 Soward Ranch Pit is a 110c Operation operated by Big Bull Dog Trucking Inc.. The site is located approximately 12.5 miles southwest of the town of Creede, CO at an elevation of approximately 8950 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate off Middle Creek Rd. and the site consists of 9.9 acres to be reclaimed for the post mine land use of pasture. The previous inspection occurred in 2019 and the Division holds a \$15,034.00 financial warranty on the site. The last bond update occurred in 2011 under Amendment 1. Randy Riggs, a representative of Bull Dog Trucking, was present for the inspection.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site. Permit boundaries are clearly marked posts. The site was not active at the time of the inspection, but screening equipment and loader are on site. There are no support facilities or hydrocarbons stored in the permit area.

Mining has been conducted according to the submitted plan within the permit boundary. On the north end of the pit the highwall is approximately 15 feet high. The pit floor has multiple stockpiles of 2 inch product and road base. In addition to product stockpiles there is also a topsoil stockpile on the northern end of the permit boundary. There appears to be an adequate amount of topsoil stockpiled for the permitted reclamation plan. Topsoil stockpiles are protected by vegetation and appear stable. No state listed invasive species were identified on site during the inspection. No water present in the pit. The operator discussed plans to reclaim parts of the pit and move the permit boundary to continue extracting material in this area. A Reclamation Permit Application Form is enclosed with this report.

In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, DRMS will update the reclamation cost estimate. The estimate will be forwarded to the operator under separate cover.

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 west showing proper Mine ID signage posed at the entrance to the site.



View to the southwest showing example of posts marking boundary.



View to the south showing 2 inch product stockpile



View to the north showing mining area and 15 foot highwall.



View to the south showing loader next to road base stockpile.



View to the south showing screening equipment on site.

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Enclosure: Request for Release Form

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