




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: North Amethyst West		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2012-008		MINERAL: Silver, gold, lead and		COUNTY: Mineral	
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring		WEATHER: Clear		INSP. DATE: August 9, 2023		INSP. TIME: 11:00	
OPERATOR: Rio Grande Silver, Inc.		OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy McClure		TYPE OF OPERATION: MP - Mineral Prospecting			
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program			BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None		BOND AMOUNT: \$26,760.00		
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA			POST INSP. CONTACTS: None		JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None		
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse		INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 			SIGNATURE DATE: August 31, 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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>Y</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 was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The Bulldog Project is listed as an active Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) located approximately 6 miles northwest of Creede, CO in Mineral County at an elevation of approximately 11,250 feet. Randy McClure, a representative of Rio Grande Silver, Inc. accompanied the inspection. The Division holds a \$26,760.00 Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate was not performed as a result of this inspection.

The NOI consists of an access road and drill pad. The pad appears stable with no visible signs of erosion or slumping. The roadways are in good condition, but the operator fell trees along the road to prevent unauthorized access with motor vehicles. The access road is also secured by a gate off NFSR 503. A small infestation of Canadian Thistle was identified. No other state listed invasive species were identified in the area. The operator is in contact with Mineral County and is implement a weed control program to remove the thistle. The operator would like to keep the NOI open for future exploration.

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 August 9, 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 of drill pad at the North Amethyst West NOI.



View to the northeast of access road with down trees.



View to the west of gate that controls access to NOI



View of a small patch of Canadian Thistle

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Enclosure

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