




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: Phil Sheridan Lode	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1988-081	MINERAL: Gold and silver	COUNTY: Boulder
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: October 19, 2023	INSP. TIME: 09:00
OPERATOR: Harry Covey	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Janice Wheeler	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(1) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$6,100.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 23, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>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>Y</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 of the Phil Sheridan Lode (Permit No. M-1988-081) was conducted by Patrick Lennberg of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) at the request of the operator's daughter Janice Wheeler, to discuss final reclamation of the site. The operator is represented by Ms. Wheeler and Dennis Covey during the inspection. The operator, Harry Covey, passed away in late June of 2021. Ms. Wheeler provided the necessary documents demonstrating Mr. Covey is deceased, and that she is the executor of his estate in August of 2021.

The site is located approximately 6 miles west of Boulder, CO in Boulder County. The site can be accessed by turning north off of Sunshine Canyon Road onto Co Rd 83, then turning west onto a private residential road. A mine sign was observed at the primary mine entrance as required by Rule 3.1.12. and the permit boundary is delineated with wooden stakes and a barbed wire fence.

Since the last inspection the operator has submitted three Technical Revisions. The revisions were submitted to update various aspects of the Reclamation Plan to accommodate resale of the land where the permit is located. Currently, the approved Reclamation Plan calls for removal of the winch, winch house, and headframe. The land surrounding the features will be graded to match the surrounding natural topography, topsoil will be spread in a range of 0-3 inches in depth and reseeded with a Boulder County approved seed mixture.

In June of 2023 the winch, winch house and headframe were removed from the site. In August 2023 the property where the permit resides was sold. The operator provided the Division a copy of an easement agreement giving the operator legal right to enter to complete reclamation.

During the inspection the operator inquired if the fence line delineating the permit boundary could be removed for the new landowner. The Division agrees the fencing can be removed as the permit is in final reclamation.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding this report.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign at the primary mine entrance location



Photo 2: Looking at the location of the former winch house and headframe



Photo 3: Looking at the location of the former winch house and headframe the highwall, center right of picture, will be scaled back (tiered) to expose the natural bedrock and provide better erosion control and overall stability



Photo 4: Highwall area to the east



Photo 5: Close-up of highwall and exposed bedrock beneath a veneer of soil



Photo 6: Area upslope from the highwall that is going to be regraded for erosion control and reseeded.