

# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1992-081 Mine Name: Hayden Gulch Loadout Operator: Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC Operator Address: Ms Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467 County: Routt Operation Type: Loadout Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private

**Operator Representative Present:** 

**Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)** 

### **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: Novembe Inspection Start Time: 08:30 Inspection End Date: 09:15 Inspection End Time: November			<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Complete Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date:			
Hunter Ridley	Humber 1	Ridley	November 20, 2023	

#### Inspection Topic Summary

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

- **N** Air Resource Protection
- **R** Availability of Records
- N Backfill & Grading
- **N** Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste
- N Explosives
- Y Fish & Wildlife
- **R** Hydrologic Balance
- Y Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
- N Other
- N Processing Waste

- **R** Roads
- R Reclamation Success
- Y Revegetation
- N Subsidence
- N Slides and Other Damage
- N Support Facilities On-site
- **R** Signs and Markers
- **N** Support Facilities Not On-site
- N Special Categories Of Mining
- **R** Topsoil

## **COMMENTS**

This was a complete inspection of the Hayden Gulch Loadout; DRMS Permit No. C-1992-081, operated by Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC (HGT). This inspection was conducted by Hunter Ridley with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division). No mining activity was occurring on site at the time of inspection. **Please address the Bold items below.** 

Phase I, II, and III release request, SL-3, is currently in processing with the Division. The decision date is **December 11, 2023**. The Division is awaiting an adequacy response from HGT.

Areas not Phase III bond released and not included in the current SL-3 release includes the area directly north and south of Hwy 40, to be reclaimed to agricultural use as hay fields. It is the only part of the previous rail loop not donated to Routt County. This area includes 6.8 acres of which 2.3 are disturbed (Photos 3 & 4).

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1): Records were checked at the mine office. See details at the end of the report. Records can be made available to the public through paper or electronic copy. Currently, records located at the mine office are in both forms. However, in the event that the computer which holds the files is not accessible, e.g. the operator is not present to login and access records, Rule 5.02.4 would not be able to be followed. **Therefore, the Division requests that all records be made available in paper form.** Aside from inspection reports which must be kept for three years, all other reports such as DMRs, ARRs, AHR, pond inspections, etc. only need to be updated to the most current year. **Please also update the highlighted items.** 

SIGNS AND MARKERS—Rule 4.02

Mine identification signs were observed at the western end of the TAHR (Photo 1) and adjacent to the unreleased agricultural section north and south of Hwy 40 (Photo 2). All required information was present on the signage.

ROADS – Rule 4.03 Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3), Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4), Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6), Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

The Tie Across Haul Road (TAHR) was well maintained and free of erosional features (Photo 7). The TAHR and its associated permanent topsoil pile features will be Phase III released with the approval of SL-3.

#### HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

Culverts within the previously released Tracks to Trails area were being replaced by the City of Hayden at the time of inspection (Photos 5 and 6). This area was turned over to the City of Hayden for recreational use with the approval of SL-2 in 2022. Culverts in this area which were not being replaced were flowing and free of blockages.

Truck Loop Pond 001 was functioning properly (Photo 8). Rail Loop Pond 002 was inaccessible due to the culvert construction happening along the Sage Creek Trail.

TOPSOIL – Rule 4.06

Several permanent topsoil pile features are located to the east along the currently unreleased TAHR. All piles were well vegetated and marked by either a sign or a flagged post (Photo 9). These features will be released with the approval of SL-3.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The remaining permit area near Hwy 40 was well vegetated and blends in well to the surrounding vegetation (Photos 3 and 4). This area of disturbance will be fully incorporated into adjacent hay fields at the conclusion of the 10-year liability period.

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: Mine sign located at the intersection of Highway 40 and Hawthorne St.



Photo 2: Mine sign located at the western end of the TAHR.



Photo 3: Revegetated hayfields at the northern edge of the permit boundary.



Photo 4: View east of the revegetated hay fields.



Photo 5: Culverts were being replaced in the previously Phase III bond released Tracks to Trails rail loop area.



Photo 6: View north of area where culverts are being replaced by the City of Hayden.

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Photo 7: View west of TAHR.



Photo 8: Truck Loop Pond 001 from the TAHR.

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Photo 9: Topsoil pile located along the TAHR.

# **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

PERMIT RECORDS DRMS Permit	Exp 5/22/2023	HYDROLOGIC RECORDS NPDES Permit	COG85008 in
Permit Application w/Revisions	RN-05 Update w/	NPDES Records	Review
	TR12		*Permit
Findings Document	RN-05	Stormwater Management Plan	2012 Current
Insurance Certificate	<mark>8/1/2022</mark>	SPCC Plan	NA
Bond Document	No. 104674392 Feb 2022	MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
Phased Bond Release	SL-02		
Documents/Findings		State Engineer's Pond Inspection	NA
Air Emission Permits	Terminated	Quarterly Pond Inspections	NA
County Special Use Permits	Terminated	Annual Hydrology Reports	2021
UG Mining Landowner Notification	NA	<ul> <li>Ground Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	NA	<ul> <li>Surface Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Data	NA	<ul> <li>Spring &amp; Seep Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Rill & Gully Survey		Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	NA
Vegetation Monitoring Data	NA	• Mine Inflow Study	NA
Specific Variance Approvals	NA	Water Consumption Records	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2021	Well Permits	NA
Midterm Review Documents	MT-06		
DRMS/OSM Inspection	Feb 2022		
Reports/Enforcement Actions (3			
Years)		BLASTING RECORDS	
Transfers/Succession of Operator	NA	Blasting Publication	NA
Temporary Cessation Notification	NA	Blasting Records (3 years)	NA
Reclamation Cost Estimate	RN-05	ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
CERTIFICATIONS		Blasting Variances	NA
Pond Certifications	NA	Pre-Blast Surveys	NA
Annual Certifications for		-	
Impoundments	NA, released		
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA	ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)	
Quarterly Inspections	NA		
Compaction Testing	NA		
• Final Certification	NA		
Coal Processing Waste Banks	NA		
Haul Road Certifications	*Permit		
Access Road Certifications	*Permit		
COMMENTS: *Permit – online, Laserfiche			