




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Costilla Cnty Pit 1	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-044	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Costilla
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> November 28, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 13:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Costilla County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Leroy Medina, David Perales	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Lucas West	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> December 19, 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>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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 was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Costilla Pt is an active 110(c) operation in final reclamation that is operated by and located in Costilla County. The site is located Just off County Road GG, just south of Ft. Garland at approximately 7880 Feet in Elevation. Access to the site is controlled by a locked cable gate. Leroy Medina and David Perales of Costilla County Road and Bridge were present during the inspection. The Division does not hold a financial warranty for the site as it is operated by a county government and no such warranty is required. Three Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

Proper mine identification signage was posted on site, shown in Photo One. Permit boundary markers were also observed on site. The site was not active nor was any equipment present on site. All backfilling and grading of the site has been completed, no evidence of settling, slumping or subsidence was observed. The site has been backfilled a near flat configuration shown in Photo Two. The area appears to be stable and in good condition, no signs of erosion were noted. The site is to be reclaimed to support an industrial / commercial post mining land use.

Reclamation of the site has been completed. The site is currently vegetated with range and bunch grasses, sage and rabbit brushes as well as a large population of sunflowers. The vegetation, shown in Photo Three, is diverse, and capable of self-regeneration. Discussions with the operator indicate that weed management is continuous and on-going at the site. The grading and earthwork, as well as the vegetation on site appear to be stable, and adequate when compared to adjacent undisturbed lands.

The overall footprint of the site was in good condition and free from trash and debris. The site also exhibited positive drainage and no signs of erosion were noted during the inspection. No problems, or possible violations were observed at this time. Responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Denver CO, 80203. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).



## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View North, showing the proper Mine ID sign at the site.



Photo Two: View East, showing a portion of the permit area. The boundaries are marked with t-posts and the permit area is well vegetated.





Photo Three: View Northeast, showing another view of the revegetated permit area.

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