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Inspection Report, Hayden Gulch Loadout, C-1992-081

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To: "Kawcak, Miranda" <mkawcak@peabodyenergy.com>

Miranda,

Please find attached the Division's report for the January aerial inspection conducted earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
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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: None, as this was an aerial inspection.
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: January 3, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 11:25 Inspection End Date: January 3, 2024 Inspection End Time: 11:30		Inspection Type: Aerial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts:	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts:	
Inspector(s): Hunter Ridley Brock Bowles	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: January 5, 2024

Inspection Topic Summary

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - 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

Y - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a partial inspection of the Hayden Gulch Loadout; DRMS Permit No. C-1992-081, operated by Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC (HGT). The inspection was conducted aurally by Brock Bowles. Images were analyzed and the report was prepared by Hunter Ridley of the Division. The weather appeared clear on the day of inspection. No mining activity was occurring on site at the time of inspection and no operator representative accompanied the inspection.

A proposed decision to approve the Phase I, II, and III release request, SL-3, was issued by the Division on January 3, 2024. This decision will become final at the close of the thirty (30) day public comment period, which commences the day following the initial publication of the proposed decision in the *Colorado Mountain News Media -Steamboat Pilot*.

Areas not Phase III bond released and not included in the current SL-3 release area include the fields directly north and south of Hwy 40, to be reclaimed to agricultural use as hay fields. This area includes 6.8 acres of which 2.3 are disturbed (Photos 4 - 7).

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 Sage Creek Trail path was snowed over (Photo 2), but CR37 looked to be plowed and accessible. The parking lot for the Sage Creek Trail was also snowed over (Photo 3). The TAHR was not visible in aerial imagery.

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:

Truck Loop Pond 001 and Rail Loop Pond 002 were not visible in the aerial images.

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Culverts within the previously released Tracks to Trails area are still under construction by the City of Hayden. Construction looks to be halted for the winter. However, equipment was still being stored along the trail path (Photo 1). The Tracks to Trails area was turned over to the City of Hayden for recreational use with the approval of SL-2 in 2022.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: View of the Tracks-to-Trails entry to the east, equipment used in culvert repair in the area is visible along the path.

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Photo 2: View of the Tracks-to-Trails recreational loop along CR 37.



Photo 3: The trail continues along CR 37; a small dirt parking lot is located at the beginning of the trail.

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Photo 4: View of the unreleased agricultural area in the northern most permit boundary.



Photo 5: Another view of the 6.8 acres of unreleased agricultural fields located at the intersection of Hawthorne St / CR 37 and Hwy 40.

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Photo 6: While snow covered, the existing vegetation in the 2.3 acres of disturbance looks to be well established.



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