
HAYDEN GULCH TERMINAL, LLC
Colorado Permit #C-92-081

2023 Annual Reclamation Report

Hayden Gulch Loadout

Submitted: February 2024

2023 ANNUAL RECLAMATION REPORT

In compliance with applicable requirements of Rule 2.04.13, Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC (HGT) presents the following information to satisfy Rule 2.04.13(1)(a) through 2.04.13(1)(f).

(a) The name and address of the permittee and permit number:

Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC
701 Market Street, Suite 700
St. Louis, MO 63101-1826
Permit No. C-92-081

Local Contact:

Hayden Gulch Loadout
29515 RCR27
Oak Creek, Colorado 80467

(b) Location and number of acres disturbed during that year:

There were no new acres of disturbance at the Hayden Gulch Loadout during 2023.

(c) Location and number of acres backfilled and graded during that year:

In 2016, HGT initiated removal of remaining facilities at the Hayden Gulch Loadout. This included removal of rail, ties, and ballast from most of the Hayden Gulch spur track. HGT has also contracted for removal of the remaining rail spur crossing of US Highway 40, and this work was completed in June 2021. As part of our overall focus, Peabody seeks to maximize the postmining use and benefits of our reclaimed mine and support properties. Consistent with this objective, HGT has been working with Routt County and the Town of Hayden to transition the Tie-Across Haulroad (TAHR) to beneficial use as a part of the existing County road network, and to transition the Hayden Gulch Loadout rail loop to beneficial use as a recreational trail for the Town of Hayden. The Rail Loop received final bond release in 2022 and has now been turned over to the Town of Hayden.

The County has agreed to accept and take responsibility for the TAHR as a County road. Peabody has obtained all legal right-of-way documentation and necessary permanent easements and landowner agreements from the private landowners (Smith, Hockett, and Williams), and is working with Routt County to obtain the required landowner clearances for the State Land Board and Public Service of Colorado. The bond release application for the TAHR was submitted in 2023 and should be final by March 1st of 2024.

HGT has been working with the Town of Hayden for the final transition of the rail loop recreation trail. In 2018 HGT established a parking area designated to the trail system. Subsequently, HGT submitted a revision to CDRMS and obtain approval for a change in postmining land use to recreational. SL2 was submitted and approved for release of this portion designated as recreation.

In the fall of 2019 the rail area north of Highway 40 was graded out to final grade. Due to winter the final surfacing was not performed. The final surfacing and seeding took place in the spring of 2021 in sequence with the removal of the Highway railroad crossing.

(d) Location and number of acres topsoiled during that year:

There were no new acres topsoiled in 2023. Approximately 2.3 acres were topsoiled in December of 2019, north of the recreation parcel. This consisted of the railbed which had topsoil on the sides of the raised bed. The topsoil was salvage and stripped from the surrounding area of the railbed and the redistributed over the graded area. As a correction to the 2014 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR), and as reported in the 2015 ARR, approximately 11.9 acres, soil materials were replaced on approximately 11.9 acres of the re-graded office/parking area in 2014.

(e) The species, location and number of acres of vegetation planted during that year, including any augmented seeding or cultural practices:

The last seeded for the site was 2.3 acres north of the recreation parcel that was seeded in the spring of 2021. Approximately 11.9 acres of the reclaimed office/ parking area were seeded in 2014. All seeded has been completed and no further seeding is anticipated at the site.

(f) Location, number of acres and date of planting, for all previously revegetated areas:

Office/Parking areas – Reseeded by HGT in 2014, 11.9 acres
North of recreation Parcel- Reseeded by HGT spring 2021, 2.3 acres

Weed Control. Starting in 2020 under the recreation lease with the Town of Hayden, the weed control on majority of the land was done by the Town of Hayden. Whitetop, Houndstongue, Curly dock, Common Mullein, and Musk/Canada/Scotch thistle were the primary target species of control efforts.

Areas outside of the Town of Hayden's area were sprayed in September by a contractor hired by HGT. Spot-spraying targeted identified areas of weed infestations and concentrated control activities on target areas, reducing potential impacts to adjacent desirable vegetation. HGT will continue to treat and monitor the permitted areas outside of the Town's lease area.