




**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> County Line Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1987-016	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Lincoln
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> February 29, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Lincoln County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Ty Stogsdill	<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> Jocelyn Carter Jared Ebert	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> March 26, 2024	

**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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The County Line Pit was inspected by Jocelyn Carter with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) on Thursday February 29, 2024, for a routine inspection. Ty Stogsdill with Lincoln County Land Use accompanied me on the inspection, Bruce Walters with Lincoln County Road maintenance and Jared Ebert with DRMS were also present for the inspection. The weather conditions at the time were clear skies with warm temperatures.

County Line Pit is located 24 miles north of Limon, Colorado, just south of the Lincoln County line, east of Highway 71. The pit is accessed from County Road 4D and is situated along the ephemeral streambed of the Vega Creek. Vega Creek flows northward through the permit area during times of heavy rainfall. The affected land is owned by Charles and Elaine Covington. The permit is a 110c containing 9.9 acres with sand and gravel being extracted from the creek bed and used for county road maintenance and repair. Surrounding land use is rangeland, the post-reclamation land use will also be rangeland. Per Rule 3.1.12, a mine sign displaying the site name, operator, and permit number was observed along County Road 4D.

The perimeter was walked making note of the locations of the boundary markers. A marker in the northeast and the southwest corners were not observed at the time of the inspection. The operator was made aware of the missing markers and committed to replacing them. Since the inspection date and the completion of this inspection report, the operator has provided confirmation of the markers being replaced. The Division considers the issue of missing markers resolved.

No equipment was on site and no mining activity was occurring at the time of inspection. The most recent activity appeared to have occurred in the southwest portion of the permit area, along the western banks of the Vega Creek. Material was stockpiled on the eastern banks of the creek. Knapweed was viewed on the southwest side of the stockpiled material. The operator was informed of the presence of the weed and stated that they will have it sprayed according to their weed control plan outlined in TR-1, issued July 12, 2010.

The two small screening stockpiles that were left by previous CDOT operations were still present north of the permit area. The stockpiles were left at the request of the landowners according to an acreage reduction (AR-01) that was approved by the Division May 21, 2001.

The Division does not hold a financial warranty for this operation due to its status as a county operation.

The photographs attached to this report were taken during this inspection. There is also a map that provides where the markers were noted and the approximate location of where the knapweed was observed.

Please contact Jocelyn Carter at (720) 666-1065 or email me at [Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us](mailto:Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us) with any questions regarding this report.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photos #1 & #2:** Posted sign per Rule 3.1.12 off Lincoln County Road 4D.



**Photo #3:** Northeast marker, east of the access road, looking northeast.



**Photo #4:** Taken from the northeast marker, east of the access road, looking southwest at the permitted area.



**Photo #5:** Corner marker, looking southwest at the permitted area.





**Photo #6:** Taken from approximately where the northern most marker should have been located, looking to the north at stockpiles that were left by CDOT and remained on site at the request of the landowners.



**Left (#7):** Photo of permit area taken from the southwest corner, looking to the northeast; boundary marker was not observed in the area. **Right (#8):** View of affected area, a mined portion of the creek bed with material seen stockpiled on the opposite side of creek.



**Photo #9:** Most recently disturbed area, located just south of area in Photo #8, material stockpile can be seen on opposite side of creek.



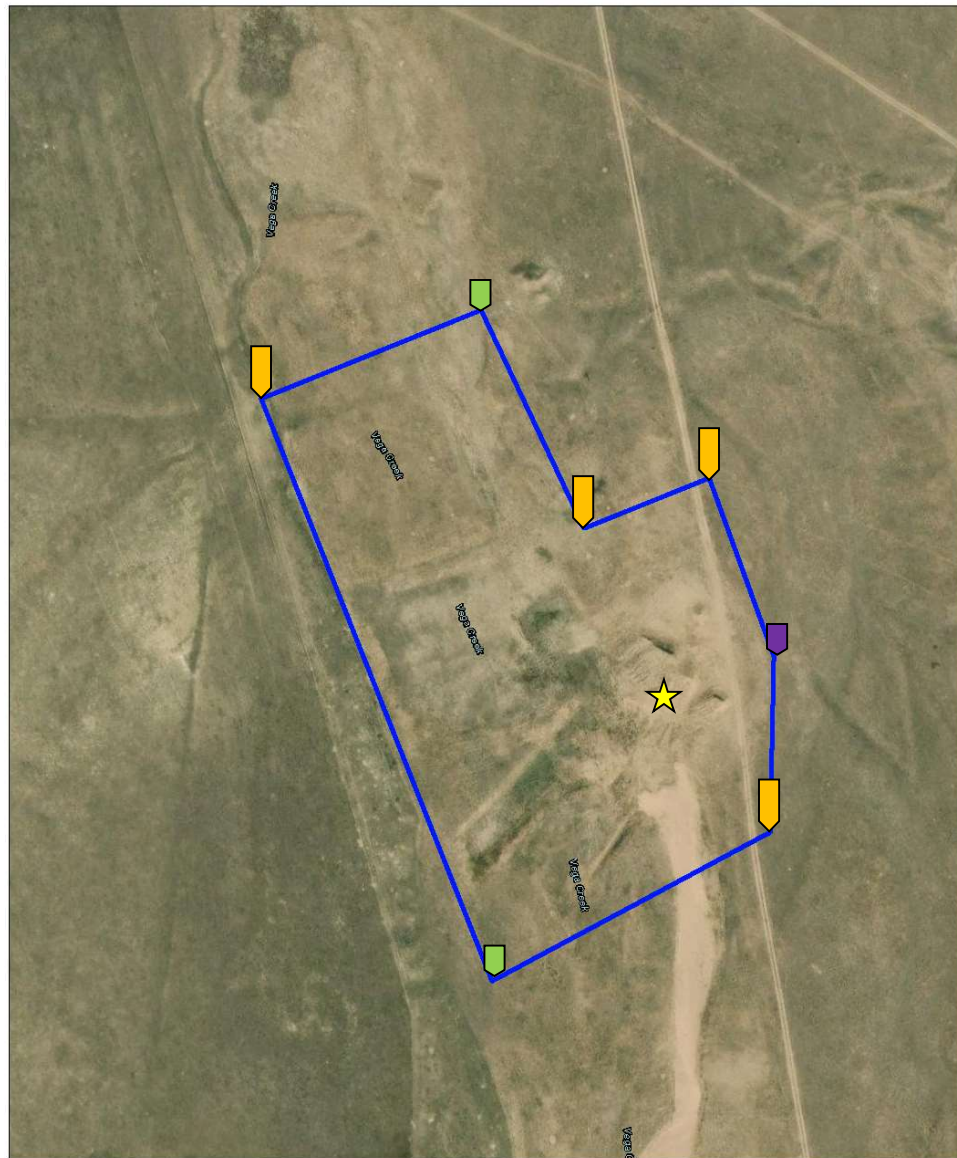
**Photo #10:** Boundary marker knocked down (most likely from cattle activity) on lower east central section.



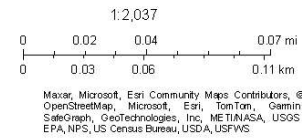


**Photo #11:** Knapweed observed on the southwest side of the material stockpile, the map below provides approximate location; a yellow field journal, 7 ½ in x 5 7/8 in, present for scale.

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**Map:** Permit boundary shown in blue. The star indicates the approximate location of where the knapweeds were observed, the larger orange rectangular down arrow indicate approximately where permit boundary markers were observed, the green rectangular down arrow marks were permit boundary markers were not observed at the time of inspection, and the purple rectangular down arrow marks where the permit boundary marker was knocked to the ground.



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