




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.

MINE NAME: Everitt Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-037	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Phillips
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: April 10, 2024	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: John M. Everitt	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Janice Everitt	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$27,085.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Jocelyn Carter Jared Ebert	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 23, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</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>N</u>	

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

OBSERVATIONS

The Everitt Pit was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, and Jared Ebert with Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) on Wednesday April 10, 2024. Steve Green and Janice Everitt attended the inspection representing the Operator of the site. The weather was partial overcast, breezy and moderate temperatures.

The Everitt Pit is in Phillips County, Colorado, about 7 miles southeast of the town of Haxtun, Colorado. Gravel is extracted from the Sandy Creek, an intermittent creek that flows northeastward through the permit area. To access the pit from the town of Haxtun, travel south on Colorado Highway 59 for 6.7 miles then east on County Road 16 for 2.5 miles. The entrance to the mine is on the north side of the road. The access road is about 600 feet, continuing north then bending to the west.

The target gravel layer for this site is about 15 feet deep and along the Sandy Creek. Mining was conducted so that a highwall did not develop.

At the time of the inspection, there was no equipment or mining activity on site. The site has not been active since about June of 2021. A significant flood affected the area in Fall of 2021 which naturally graded slopes and filled pits associated with mining activity. The affected area has naturally revegetated with success and the Division considers the site to be reclaimed with no liability for the Division.

The site supports wildlife, evident by the presence of large and small birds, frogs, insects, and various plant life. Common mullein was observed on site, a list C noxious plant, and is addressed in the revegetation section in this report.

There are no permit boundary markers or monuments in place in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(2). The Operator was informed that permit boundary markers need to be installed on site and the coordinates of those markers need to be provided to the Division.

Photos taken during the inspection are provided below.

Questions, concerns, or comments about this inspection can be directed to me by email at Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

Records

A review of the records for this permit was conducted as part of this inspection. The permit is for the excavation of gravel from the Sandy Creek, an intermittent waterway, to a depth of about 15 feet. No highwalls are expected to develop as the mining process would occur while creating 3H:1V slopes into the area being excavated.

The report does not have a map of the permit that provides the exact location of the boundary. The Operator has not been operating and actively pulling material from the site since 2020. If operations are to continue, the Operator needs to submit a Technical Revision to the Division to update the location of the permit boundary.

Hydrological Balance

There was some water in the creek bed observed at the time of the inspection. There does not appear to be any disruption to the hydrologic balance in the affected area or the surrounding area.

General Mine Plan Compliance

The Operator appears to be following their mining plan. The site appears to be reclaimed.

Signs and Markers

There is a sign posted at the entrance on County Road 16 that is in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1). There are no permit boundary markers posted at the site. Rule 3.1.12(2) states that the permit boundary needs to be marked by easily identifiable markers or monuments.

The Operator is encouraged to have the land surveyed and to submit a Technical Revision to the permit to update the reclamation plan map showing the approved permit boundary with coordinates provided for the marker locations. Operations cannot begin again on this site until the permit boundary has been clearly marked.

Financial Warranty

The bond held by the Division is \$27,058.00 and is adequate.

Backfill & Grading

Backfilling and grading have been accomplished. There was a flood that went through this area in October of 2021 that filled in any excavation pits and graded the surrounding areas.

Fish & Wildlife

The permit area participates with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Walk-In Access for hunters. There were shotgun shells observed on the site, indicating that the area supports wildlife. During the inspection, hawks were viewed flying above the site, sandpipers were viewed on the ground at water's edge, and frogs were audible.

Erosion/Sedimentation

There was no issue with erosion or sedimentation occurring on the site. The area is reclaimed and appears to fit the surrounding environment with no problem areas.

Off-site Damage

There was no off-site damage observed at the site.

Roads

The access road was difficult to identify, it has also been largely naturally reclaimed.

Topsoil

There is no topsoil stockpile on site, the site has been naturally reclaimed.

Revegetation

Common mullein, a list C noxious weed, was observed on the site. The Division recommends the Operator reach out to the NRCS to get guidance on weed management control methods for Phillips County. If the approved weed control plan needs to be revised, this can be done through the submittal of a Technical Revision to the permit.

Reclamation Plan/ Compliance

The Division considers the site to be fully reclaimed at this time.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo #1 (left): Mine sign at the entrance on County Road 7. Photo #2 (right): Representative photo of vegetation success, yellow field notebook for scale, 5.875" x 7.5".



Photo #3: Permit area, Sandy Creek can be seen, the flow direction of the creek is shown with the arrow; taken from the southeast portion of the permit area, looking northwest.



Photo #4: Retained water in the creek, taken from the east portion of the permit area looking west.



Photo #5: Photo of the approximate western portion of the permit area, looking west from within the creek bed.



Photo #6: Looking east from the approximate western portion of the permit area, taken from the south side of the creek.



Photo #7: The revegetated river creek channel, taken from the approximate center of the permit area and the south side of Sandy Creek looking north.

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