




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: Sunday Mine	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-285	MINERAL: Uranium and vanadium	COUNTY: San Miguel
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 10, 2024	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Pinon Ridge Mining LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Micheal Rutter, Bruce Smith	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112d-2 - Designated Mining Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$330,242.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: U.S.BLM	
INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 31, 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</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

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. In addition to the inspector and Operator representatives listed on page one of this report, Bridget Wade, Vince Beresford and Jennifer Wittington were present representing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Steve Puderbaugh, Bruce Norquist and Wendy Norquist of Pinon Ridge Mining were present as well. The Sunday Mine is a 112d that consists of 60 permitted acres and a maximum disturbance of 40 acres all on lands administered by the BLM. The site is was active during the inspection with underground development activities taking place as well as surface maintenance. The remote vent shaft sites for all five permitted mines within the Sunday Mine Complex were not inspected at this time. The Division Currently holds \$330,242.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate will be performed and any changes to the required Financial Warranty will be sent to the Operator under a separate cover. Ten Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current conditions of the site.

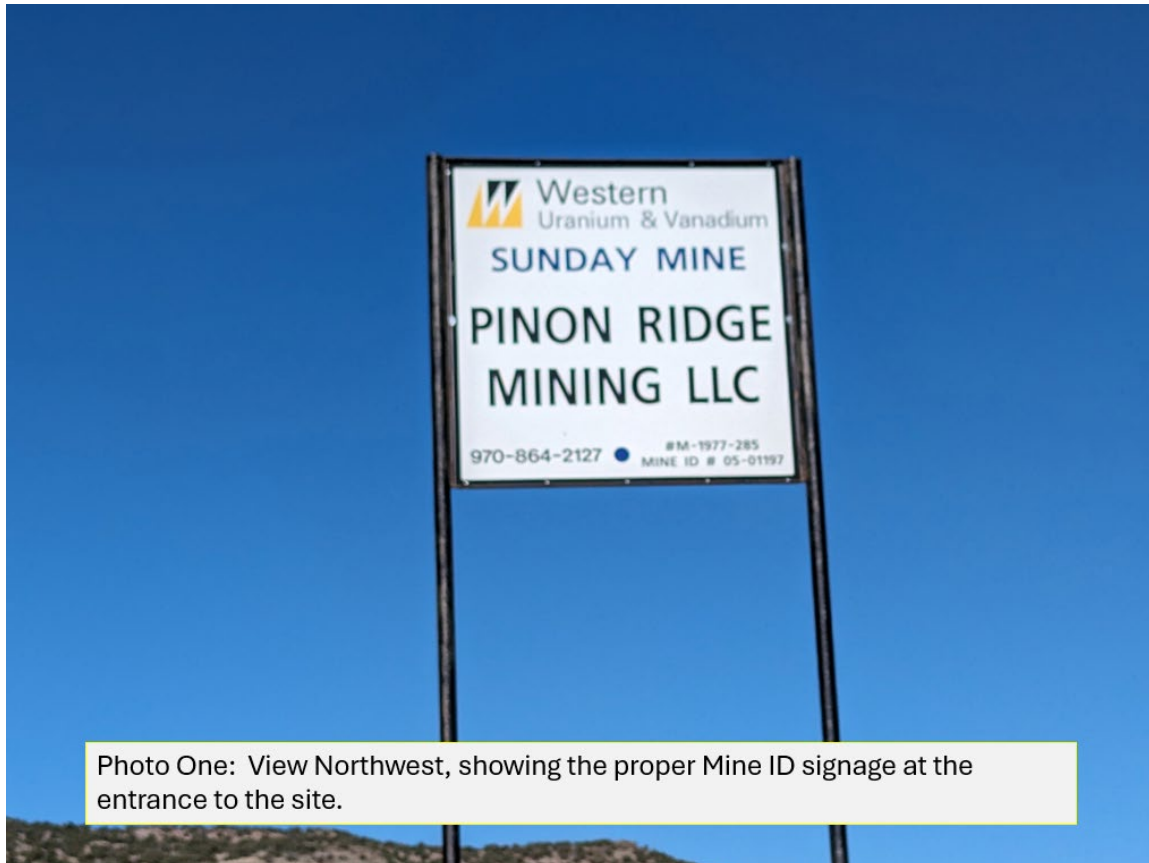
As seen in Photo One, the permit ID sign was observed at the entrance to the site. The permit boundary markers were also observed. Since the Division's previous inspection, the Operator has made significant improvements to the site in an effort to move toward the shipment of ore. The site is currently mining and stockpiling ore underground, but no ore has been brought to the surface. Improvements to security, surface structures and storm water controls have been on going. The shop and office facilities have been upgraded to facilitate constant on-site operations and are in excellent condition. Various mining equipment and supplies were observed on site and were all stored in a neat and orderly fashion. Examples of the equipment and facilities can be seen in Photo Two.

As stated previously, maintenance to the storm water control systems throughout the site is ongoing, and all observed storm water control ditches and basins are in excellent condition and appear to be functioning as designed. Photos Three and Four shows an example of the sediment catchment basins that are located on site as part of the storm water management plan. A considerable amount of time was spent at the south stockpile which consists primarily of capped low grade ore material. Discussions centered around possible blending operations, the details of which should be addressed through the Divisions Technical Revision process. The physical condition of the pad is good, with no signs of settling or slumping. The cap material is in good condition with no signs of significant wind erosion or material transport of any kind. The outslopes of the stockpile show no signs of instability and remain in the condition of previous inspections. Examples of the slopes as well as top of the stockpile can be seen in Photos Five and Six.

As the site is actively engaging in underground development and mining operations, the portal was open and in use at the time of the inspection. The portal structure is in good condition, with gates able to be locked when needed. The portal and its structure can be seen in Photo Seven. Vent shaft S-2, located to the Northwest of the shop facilities is covered with a steel grate and has been secured as shown in Photo Eight. All loadouts, roads and pad areas that exist on site were observed and in good condition. The lined Ore Pad was observed to be in good condition. The face of the pad shows no evidence of surface stockpiling and no observable impacts from precipitation was noted. The out slopes and berms of the pad appear stable. The pad can be seen in Photos Nine and Ten. To date, no ore material has been brought to the surface and stockpiled on the pad since it's construction, however the permitting has been conducted to allow those activities to take place whenever the Operator is ready.

The overall footprint of the site was in excellent condition, and free from excessive trash or debris. No significant signs of settling, slumping or erosion were noted on site and no State Listed Noxious Weeds were observed. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave Denver, CO 80216, by phone at (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS





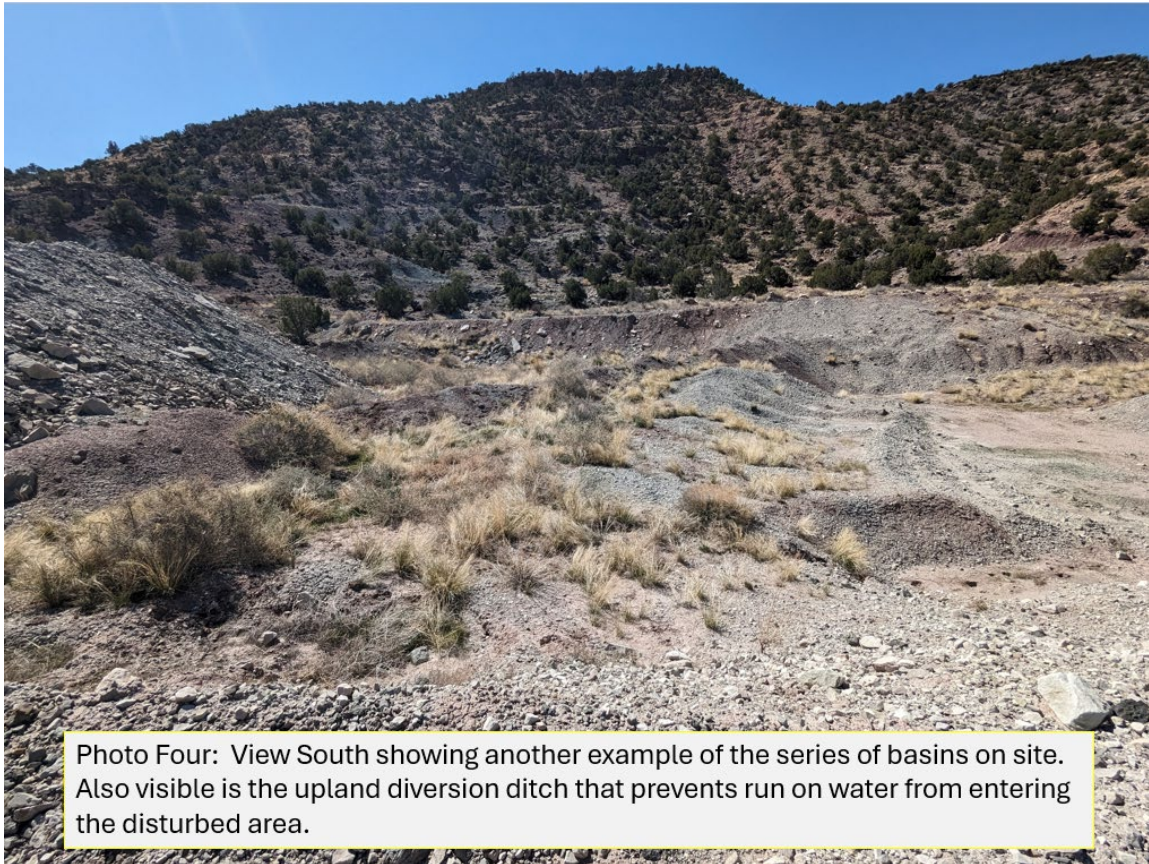


Photo Four: View South showing another example of the series of basins on site. Also visible is the upland diversion ditch that prevents run on water from entering the disturbed area.



Photo Five: View East, showing the capped face of the low-grade ore stockpile located near the east end of the site.



Photo Six: View Southeast, showing an example of the out slope of the low-grade stockpile. The outslopes appeared stable at the time of the inspection and no evidence of significant erosion was noted.



Photo Seven: View Southwest, showing the opened portal located on site. The portal and its structure are in good condition.



Photo Eight: View South, showing the grated and covered vent shaft located on site. The closure appears secure, and no evidence of attempted entry was noted.



Photo Nine: View East, showing the out slopes and a portion of the face of the lined ore storage pad. The pad has yet to be used, however remains in excellent condition.



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