




**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Bancroft Placer Mine | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-2020-025       | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Gold                                        | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Montrose  |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Monitoring     | <b>WEATHER:</b> Clear                            | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>May 30, 2024                             | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>17:00 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Gregg Morrill         | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Gregg Morrill | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>110(2) - Hard Rock Limited Impact |                             |

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| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Normal I&E Program | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>                                                                                       | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$7,500.00      |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                     | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None                                                                                 | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None     |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Dustin Czapla               | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>May 30, 2024 |

**The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.**

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Financial Warranty

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The financial warranty is not adequate to reclaim the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. This is a failure to maintain the proper financial warranty amount to complete reclamation of the affected lands pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-117(4)(b) of the Act.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall submit adequate financial warranty, as determined by the Division. The Division will be sending a separate surety increase notice to the operator regarding the increase of the financial warranty. The operator will have 60 days from the date on the surety increase notice to post the additional financial warranty.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 7/30/24

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Gregg Morrill, the Operator, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Bancroft Placer Mine is located approximately nineteen miles north of Naturita and accessed from Hwy 141. The site is a 110 operation that includes a total of 9.4 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$7,500 for this site. The Division has reviewed the reclamation costs, in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, and determined that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient. The Operator will be notified under separate cover of a financial warranty increase.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by posts that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

The site is active. Operations appear compliant with the approved mine plan. Excavation is performed with an excavator and front end loader. Material is screened and then processed through a sluice. Oversize material and waste rock is placed back into the mined areas. The operator has built up the screen assembly and ramp, and reinforced it with cottonwood logs anchored to concrete blocks buried within the ramp. Water for the operation is pumped from the Dolores River to a small pond located below the screening area. Water is pumped from the pond up to the sluice area located in a Connex trailer above the screening area.

Fuel on site was stored in stock tanks for secondary containment.

The operator has performed a significant bit of reclamation grading in the lower (west) portion of the site.

No erosional, runoff or stability problems were noted. No noxious weed infestations were observed.

No other problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567

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