




**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> Matt Miles – Howard Fork	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2024-021	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Montrose
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 7, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Matt Miles	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> NM - Not Mining	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Citizen Complaint	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> NA	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czapla	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> June 18, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</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**

This inspection was conducted in response to the citizen complaint that was received from John Connel on May 14, 2024. The complaint alleges that there is an unpermitted mining operation at the site.

*“Mining/gravel pit operation taking place inside a residential development. Numerous dust/noise complaints. Located within 100 ft of a stream in a flood plain.”*

The site is located within the Waterfall Canyon development, on the west side Montrose, at approximately 38.466321°, -107.905135°. This is a new subdivision under construction. As part of the development, a number of ponds have been created. This has resulted in production of extraneous gravel and fill material that was observed on site. Extraction of this construction material appears incidental to the construction project. There does not appear to be a mining operation at this location.

No 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, Room 215, 1001 E 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (303) 866-3567.





