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### Report for Bowie #1 inspection

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Hello -

Please see my report from inspection on Tuesday.

FYI, I will be unavailable next week and part of the following week.

Thank you, Rob

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# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1981-038 Mine Name: Bowie No. 1 Mine Operator: Bowie Resources, LLC Operator Address: Mr. Basil R Bear	County: Delta Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private			
P.O. Box 1488	Operator Representative Present:			
Paonia, CO 81428	None			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				

# **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: July 16, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 14:00 Inspection End Date: July 16, 2024 Inspection End Time: 15:30			Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Raining		
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint	Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None					
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:			
None					
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature		Signature Date:		
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### **Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection N - Roads

N - Availability of Records R - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading R - Revegetation

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste N - Subsidence

NA - Explosives N - Slides and Other Damage N - Fish & Wildlife NA - Support Facilities On-site

R - Hydrologic Balance R - Signs and Markers

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

R - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Other

N - Special Categories Of Mining

NA - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

### **COMMENTS**

A partial inspection was conducted by Rob Zuber of DRMS on July 16, 2024. No Bowie Resources Limited (BRL) representative was at the inspection.

No mining or reclamation activities were being conducted at this site. BRL is focusing on Bowie No. 2 in 2024.

The weather was hot and cloudy, and the ground was dry, at the loadout and coal storage area. At the East Mine it was raining, and the ground was muddy. The West Mine was not inspected due to very intense rain and lightning.

#### HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

The ponds at the loadout and the Coal Storage Area (near Black Bridge Road) contained no water. No problems were identified with these ponds.

The irrigation ditch that flows under the loadout (the Farmers Ditch) was flowing nearly full. No problems were identified with the large culvert that contains this ditch.

A significant amount of water was flowing through the 30" CMP that is next to the substation at the loadout.

#### RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

No erosion was seen at the reclaimed ponds at the East Mine (Ponds 1-4). They were viewed from the Old Waste Disposal Area. Rain before and during the inspection resulted in flow in this ephemeral drainage.

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 1 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0 REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

Large quantities of cheat grass were observed at the Coal Storage Area (near Black Bridge Road). This noxious weed should be treated.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

No issues with signs or markers were identified during the inspection.

OFFSITE SUPPORT FACILIITES - Rule 4.04, 4.28:

No erosion was seen with the Coal Storage Area beside the intersection of Highway 133 and Black Bridge Road.

No erosion was seen at the loadout, including the steep slope between the loadout and the orchard below. The trestle across the river appears stable.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED - none** 

**OTHER (SPECIFY) - none** 

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**

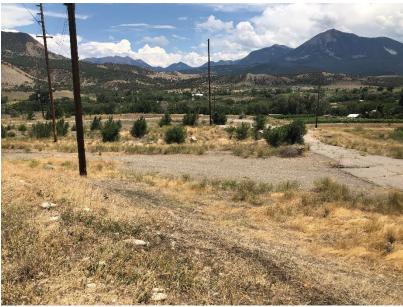


Cheat grass at Coal Storage Area near Black Bridge Road



Pond at Coal Storage Area near Black Bridge Road

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West side of loadout



**Loadout with bridge at east end (center of photo)** 

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**Reclaimed Ponds 3 and 4 at East Mine** 



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