




**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> Journey Ventures Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2008-080	<b>MINERAL:</b> Aggregate	<b>COUNTY:</b> Weld
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 19, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Journey Ventures, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Chris Leone	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$487,550.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Patrick Lennberg Chris Girardi	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 26, 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>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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**

The Journey Ventures Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg and Chris Girardi with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a surety release request (full/final release request), submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on June 7, 2024. The site was previously inspected by the Division on June 30, 2023 as part of the Division's routine monitoring program. Chris Leone representing Journey Ventures, LLC, the Permittee/Operator, accompanied us during the inspection. The weather was warm and cloudy.

The Journey Ventures Pit is located approximately 2 miles northwest of Kersey, CO in Weld County. The primary access road is 0.2 mile west of the intersection of Weld Co Rd 58 and Weld Co Road 41, off of Weld Co Rd 58. The site is an 112c Regular Construction Materials Operation permitted for 82.95 acres. The site is in the final reclamation. The approved post-mining use of the permit area is developed water resources.

The Division sent notice of the release request to the Weld County Commissioners, Weld County Planner, the Platte Valley Soil Conservation District, Division of Water Resources, and the landowner. The Division has not receive any comments from the noticed parties.

All product stockpiles have been removed from the site. All side slopes around the reservoir have been graded to 3H:1V slope. The land owner, Central Colorado Water Conservancy, has begun the process of placing riprap along the banks of the reservoir. Placing riprap along the shoreline was approved in TR-5 in 2023. Included in that approval was leaving a laydown area (construction yard 3.4 acres), a base course road around the reservoir (3.3 acres) and an area where the spillway and outlet structure is constructed. The plans for the spillway and outlet structure were included in TR-6 that was submitted and approved in July 2024.

The reservoir is approximately 40 acres in size and was recently filled to capacity during free river flows earlier this year. The slurry wall was approved by the State Engineer's Office in a letter dated November 29, 2021. Vegetation is growing throughout the reseeded areas. There are weeds growing within the permit area however the site is not acting as a source of weeds to the surrounding area. It was noted that the majority of the weeds are located near the surrounding roadways.

The permit area north of the South Branch of Plumb Ditch was not affected by mining.

Based on observations made during this inspection, the Operator has completed the reclamation in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. The majority of the revegetated area has suitable vegetation cover and appears stable, the reservoir is functioning as designed, and the landowner is currently working within the permitted area to install and maintain the required infrastructure for managing the reservoir. Therefore the full/final request (SL-1) for Journey Ventures Pit will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg by email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Looking north across the site from near the SW permit corner



**Photo 2:** Looking at the SW permit corner





**Photo 3:** Looking north across the laydown area



**Photo 4:** Gravel road into permit area and laydown area



**Photo 5:** Portion of the approved laydown area seeded by landowner (this area was approved for base course covering but the landowner decided to seed it instead)



**Photo 6:** Inflow ditch, from Plumb Ditch, to reservoir. Metal pipe across ditch is for discharge.





**Photo 7:** Recent riprap work completed by landowner



**Photo 8:** Looking north from the SE corner of reservoir





**Photo 9:** Looking south towards the SE corner of reservoir



**Photo 10:** Looking west across the reservoir





**Photo 11:** Inlet ditch to reservoir



**Photo 12:** Plumb Ditch used to fill the reservoir





**Photo 13:** Unaffected area north of ditch



**Photo 14:** Unaffected area north of ditch