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## M2013023, Sharp Pit #2, 2024 Inspection Report

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To: riversideaggregatesllc@gmail.com

Mr Kerrigan,

Please find attached the report of the Division's inspection of the Sharp Pit #2, conducted earlier this year. Note that a problem has been cited, which will require your attention.

I apologise for the delay in sending the report to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

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## 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> Sharp Pit #2	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2013-023	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel and sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> Bent
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 16, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 16:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Riverside Aggregates, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mark Kerrigan	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$24,800.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Leigh Simmons	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> August 1, 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:** Please review the attached Reclamation Cost Estimate and respond with comments within 30 days. After 30 days the Division will initiate a separate Surety Increase notice to increase 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:** 8/30/24

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The inspection was conducted by Leigh Simmons of the Division, and accompanied by Mark Kerrigan of Riverside Aggregates, LLC.

The Sharp Pit #2 is a 110(c) operation with a total permit area of 9.9 acres, located on private land approximately four miles south-east of the city of McClave. The pit is accessed from County Rd LL, east of the intersection with County Road 33.

The locations of photos taken during the inspection are shown on the screenshot of the field map.

### **Financial Warranty:**

The Division currently holds a reclamation bond of \$24,800 for the site. As is customary, the Reclamation Cost Estimate (RCE) for the site was re-evaluated with current unit costs as of 7/31/2024. The new RCE is attached to this inspection report - note that the tasks were not changed except to update obsolete equipment as necessary. The total required bond amount, including indirect costs, has increased to \$38,495 meaning that the current financial warranty is insufficient; a problem has been cited above. (If some progress has been made toward reclaiming the site, it may not be necessary to increase the bond held.)

### **Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:**

Some stockpiled material was on site, but had apparently already been sold. A loader and a screen with a single conveyor section was on site (there was no crusher). To mine material an excavator is brought to the site to break up material before the loader feeds it to the screen. Mr Kerrigan estimated that material would continue to be extracted for a couple of months before the eastern limit of the pit would be reached. He expected reclamation to begin in the summer and seeding to take place in the autumn.

### **Revegetation:**

The site was fairly well vegetated, despite not having been seeded. The site was surrounded by irrigated cropland, and was completely fenced, preventing any livestock grazing (in stark contrast to most of the other sites in the county).

### **Signs and Markers:**

The Mine ID sign was in place. The permit boundary was marked with steel well casing at the corners and a barbed wire fence.

### **Topsoil:**

Topsoil had been stockpiled and was adequately vegetated.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Screenshot of inspection map, with approximate permit boundary in purple and inspection features in green





Figure 2: Eastern boundary of permit area (225)



Figure 3: Northern boundary of permit area, screen and conveyor (225)





Figure 4: Pit area, with seedbed material in center of frame (227)



Figure 5: Stockpiled material in pit (227)





Figure 6: Western edge of permit area (228)



Figure 7: Southern edge of permit area (229)





**Figure 8: Eastern edge of permit area, with stockpiled rock**



### GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>PB</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>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>Y</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

#### Inspection Contact Address

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Lamar, CO 81052

Enclosure: 2024 Inspection Reclamation Cost Estimate



## COST SUMMARY WORK

Task description: RCE update with 2024 costs

Site: Sharp Pit #2

Permit Action: 2024 Inspection

Permit/Job#: M2013023

### PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Task #: 000

State: Colorado

Abbreviation: None

Date: 8/1/2024

County: Bent

Filename: M023-000

User: LDS

Agency or organization name: DRMS

### TASK LIST (DIRECT COSTS)

Task	Description	Form Used	Fleet Size	Task Hours	Cost
001	Grade highwall to 3H:1V	DOZER	1	1.25	\$260
002	Replace 6" topsoil on 7 acres	SCRAPER1	1	9.88	\$11,578
003	Revegetate 7 acres	REVEGE	1	7.00	\$11,132
004	Mobilization/Demobilization	MOBILIZE	1	5.00	\$7,044
<b><u>SUBTOTALS:</u></b>				<b>23.13</b>	<b>\$30,014</b>

### INDIRECT COSTS

#### OVERHEAD AND PROFIT:

Liability insurance: 2.02  
Performance bond: 1.05  
Job superintendent: 11.57  
Profit: 10.00

Total = \$606

Total = \$315

Total = \$917

Total = \$3,001

TOTAL O & P = \$4,840

CONTRACT AMOUNT (direct + O & P) = \$34,854

#### LEGAL - ENGINEERING - PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

Financial warranty processing (legal/related costs): \$0  
Engineering work and/or contract/bid preparation: 4.25  
Reclamation management and/or administration: 6.20

Total = \$0

Total = \$1,481

\$2,161

CONTINGENCY: 0.00

Total = \$0

TOTAL INDIRECT COST = \$8,482

**TOTAL BOND AMOUNT (direct + indirect) = \$38,496**



**BULLDOZER WORK**Task description: **Grade highwall to 3H:1V**Site: **Sharp Pit #2** Permit Action: **2024 Inspection** Permit/Job#: **M2013023****PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Task #: **001** State: **Colorado** Abbreviation: **None**  
 Date: **8/1/2024** County: **Bent** Filename: **023-001**  
 User: **LDS**

Agency or organization name: **DRMS****HOURLY EQUIPMENT COST**

Basic Machine: **Cat D7R DS Series II LGP**  
 Horsepower: **240**  
 Blade Type: **Straight**  
 Attachment: **NA**  
 Shift Basis: **1 per day**  
 Data Source: **(CRG)**

**Cost Breakdown:**

		<u>Utilization %</u>
Ownership Cost/Hour:	\$90.24	NA
Operating Cost/Hour:	\$78.95	100
Ripper own. Cost/Hour:	\$0.00	NA
Ripper op. Cost/Hour:	\$0.00	0
Operator Cost/Hour:	\$38.59	NA

Total unit Cost/Hour: **\$207.78**  
 Total Fleet Cost/Hour: **\$207.78**

**MATERIAL QUANTITIES**

Initial Volume: **694**  
 Swell factor: **1.250**  
 Loose volume: **868 LCY**

Source of estimated volume: **10' H x 750' L, 1H:1V to 3H:1V slope**  
 Source of estimated swell factor: **Cat Handbook**

**HOURLY PRODUCTION**

Average push distance: **50 feet**  
 Unadjusted hourly production: **800.0 LCY/hr**

Materials consistency description: **Compacted fill or embankment 0.9**

Average push gradient: **-5 %**  
 Average site altitude: **3,800 feet**

Material weight: **2,650 lbs/LCY**Weight description: **Decomposed rock - 25% Rock, 75% Earth****Job Condition Correction Factor**

		<u>Source</u>
Operator Skill:	1.000	(EXCL.)
Material consistency:	0.900	(CAT HB))
Dozing method:	1.200	(SLOT)
Visibility:	1.000	(AVG.)



Job efficiency:	0.830	(1 SHIFT/DAY)
Spoil pile:	1.000	(DOZ-OC)
Push gradient:	1.115	(CAT HB)
Altitude:	1.000	(CAT HB)
Material Weight:	0.868	(CAT HB)
Blade type:	1.000	(PAT)

Net correction: 0.8676

Adjusted unit production: 694.08 LCY/hr

Adjusted fleet production: **694.08** LCY/hr

### **JOB TIME AND COST**

Fleet size: 1 Dozer(s)

Unit cost: \$0.299/LCY

Total job time: **1.25** Hours

Total job cost: **\$260**



**SCRAPER TEAM WORK**Task description: **Replace 6" topsoil on 7 acres**Site: **Sharp Pit #2**Permit Action: 2024 InspectionPermit/Job#: M2013023**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**Task #: 002State: ColoradoAbbreviation: NoneDate: 8/1/2024County: BentFilename: 023-002User: LDSAgency or organization name: DRMS**HOURLY EQUIPMENT**COSTShift basis: 1 per day

Equipment Description	
-Scraper:	Cat 631G
-Dozer:	NA
Support Equipment -Load Area:	Cat D7R DS Series II LGP
-Dump Area:	NA
Road Maintenance -Motor Grader:	CAT 14M
-Water Truck:	Water Tanker, 2,500 Gal.

**Cost Breakdown:****Scraper Work Team****Support Equipment****Maintenance Equipment**

	Scraper	Dozer	Load Area	Dump Area	Motor Grader	Water Truck
%Utilization-machine:	100	NA	50	NA	100	50
Ownership cost/hour:	\$442.19	NA	\$90.24	NA	\$129.81	\$11.65
Operating cost/hour:	\$252.89	NA	\$39.48	NA	\$89.13	\$11.23
%Utilization-ripper:	NA	NA	NA	NA	50	NA
Ripper own. cost/hour:	NA	NA	\$0.00	NA	\$5.75	\$0.00
Ripper op. cost/hour:	NA	NA	\$0.00	NA	\$2.09	\$0.00
Operator cost/hour:	\$30.90	NA	\$38.59	NA	\$27.76	\$0.00
Unit Subtotals:	\$725.98	NA	\$168.30	NA	\$254.54	\$22.88
Number of Units:	1	0	1	0	1	1
Group Subtotals:	Work: \$725.98		Support: \$168.30		Maint: \$254.54	\$22.88

Total work team cost/hour: **\$1,171.70****MATERIAL QUANTITIES**Initial volume: 5,647

CCY

Swell factor: 1.215Loose volume: **6,861**

LCY

Source of estimated volume: 7 acres disturbed x 6" depth replacementSource of estimated swell factor: Cat Handbook**HOURLY PRODUCTION****Scraper Bowl (volume) Basis:**

Material weight:	<u>1,600 lbs/LCY</u>	Struck Volume:	<u>24.00</u>	LCY
Material description:	<u>Top Soil</u>	Heaped Volume:	<u>34.00</u>	LCY
Rated Payload:	<u>81,600 pounds</u>	Average Volume:	<u>29.00</u>	LCY
Payload Capacity:	<u>51.00 LCY</u>	Adjusted Capacity:	<b><u>29.00</u></b>	LCY

Cycle Time:Scraper Loading Time: 0.80 MinutesManeuver and Spread Time: 0.70 MinutesJob Condition Correction:

Site Altitude: 3800 feet

	Scraper	Push Dozer	Source
Altitude Adj:	1.000	NA	(CAT HB)
Job Efficiency:	0.830	NA	(CAT HB)
Net Correction:	0.830	NA	

Travel Time:Road Condition: Firm, smooth, rolling, dirt/lt. surfaced, watered, maintained 3.0Haul Route:

Seg #	Haul Distance (Ft)	Grade (%)	Roll. Res (%)	Total Res (%)	Velocity (fpm)	Travel Time (min)
1	300.00	2.50	3.00	5.50	1069	0.32

Haul Time: 0.32 minutesReturn Route:

Seg #	Haul Distance (Ft)	Grade (%)	Roll. Res (%)	Total Res (%)	Velocity (fpm)	Travel Time (min)
1	300.00	-2.50	3.00	0.50	2937	0.26

Return Time: 0.26 minutesTotal Scraper team cycle time: 2.08 minutesAdjusted for job conditions: 694.33 LCY/HourSelected Number of Scrapers: 1 Scraper(s)Adjusted single scraper team (unit) hourly production: 694.33 LCY/HourAdjusted multiple scraper team (fleet) hourly production: 694.33 LCY/HourUnadjusted unit production/hour: 836.54 LCY/Hour

Optimal Number of Scrapers per push dozer: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOB TIME AND COST**Fleet size: 1 Team(s)Total job time: 9.88 HoursUnit cost: \$1.688 /LCYTotal job cost: \$11,578



**REVEGETATION WORK**Task description: Revegetate 7 acresSite: Sharp Pit #2Permit Action: 2024 InspectionPermit/Job#: M2013023**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**Task #: 003State: ColoradoAbbreviation: NoneDate: 8/1/2024County: BentFilename: 023-003User: LDSAgency or organization name: DRMS**FERTILIZING****Materials**

Description	Units / Acre	Unit	Cost / Unit	Cost /Acre
			\$	\$
			<b>Total Fertilizer Materials Cost/Acre</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Application**

Description	Cost /Acre
	\$
<b>Total Fertilizer Application Cost/Acre</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**TILLING**

Description	Cost /Acre
Disc harrowing, 6" deep (MEANS 32 91 13.23 6100)	\$117.61
<b>Total Tilling Cost/Acre</b>	<b>\$117.61</b>

**SEEDING**

Seed Mix	Rate – PLS LBS / Acre	Seeds per SQ. FT	Cost /Acre
Blue Grama - Lovington	0.30	4.90	\$8.33
Indian Ricegrass - Paloma	0.40	1.29	\$8.21
Little Bluestem - Native	0.70	4.18	\$10.77
Sideoats Grama - Vaughn	1.10	3.61	\$27.05
Western Wheatgrass - Native	2.00	5.05	\$18.01
<b>Totals Seed Mix</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>19.03</b>	<b>\$72.37</b>

**Application**

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Description	Cost /Acre
Drill Seeding (DRMS Survey Cost)	\$236.64
<b>Total Seed Application Cost/Acre</b>	<b>\$236.64</b>

**MULCHING and MISCELLANEOUS****Materials**

Description	Units / Acre	Unit	Cost / Unit	Cost /Acre
Straw, delivered {MEANS 31 25 14.16 1200}	2.00	TON	\$492.78	\$985.56
<b>Total Mulch Materials Cost/Acre</b>				<b>\$985.56</b>

**Application**

Description	Cost /Acre
Crimping, with tractor {DMG survey data}	\$85.37
<b>Total Mulch Application Cost/Acre</b>	<b>\$85.37</b>

**NURSERY STOCK PLANTING**

Common Name	No / Acre	Type and Size	Planting Cost	Fertilizer Pellet Cost	Cost /Acre
					\$
<b>Totals Nursery Stock Cost / Acre</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

**JOB TIME AND COST**

No. of Acres:	<u>7</u>	Cost /Acre:	<u>\$1,497.55</u>
Estimated Failure Rate:	<u>30%</u>	Cost /Acre*:	<u>\$309.01</u>
*Selected Replanting Work Items:	<u>SEEDING</u>		
Initial Job Cost:	<u><b>\$10,482.85</b></u>		
Reseeding Job Cost:	<u><b>\$648.92</b></u>		
Total Job Cost:	<u><b>\$11,132</b></u>		
Job Hours:	<u><b>7.00</b></u>		



**EQUIPMENT MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION**Task description: Mobilization/DemobilizationSite: Sharp Pit #2Permit Action: 2024 InspectionPermit/Job#: M2013023**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**Task #: 004State: ColoradoAbbreviation: NoneDate: 8/1/2024County: BentFilename: 023-004User: LDSAgency or organization name: DRMS**EQUIPMENT TRANSPORT RIG COST**Shift basis: 1 per dayCost Data Source: CRG DataTruck Tractor Description: GENERIC ON-HIGHWAY TRUCK TRACTOR, 6X4, DIESEL POWERED,  
400 HP (2ND HALF, 2006)Truck Trailer Description: GENERIC FOLDING GOOSENECK, DROP DECK EQUIPMENT  
TRAILER (25T, 50T, AND 100T)**Cost Breakdown:**

<b>Available Rig Capacities</b>	<b>0-25 Tons</b>	<b>26-50 Tons</b>	<b>51+ Tons</b>
Ownership Cost/Hour:	\$10.44	\$22.18	\$23.94
Operating Cost/Hour:	\$26.48	\$54.55	\$55.65
Operator Cost/Hour:	\$22.52	\$22.52	\$22.52
Helper Cost/Hour:	\$0.00	\$23.53	\$23.53
Total Unit Cost/Hour:	\$59.44	\$122.78	\$125.64

**NON ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Machine Description	Weight/ Unit (TONS)	Owner ship Cost/hr/ unit	Haul Rig Cost/hr/unit	Fleet Size	Haul Trip Cost/hr/ fleet	Return Trip Cost/hr/ fleet	DOT Permit Cost/ fleet
Cat D7R DS Series II LGP	34.57	\$90.24	\$122.78	1	\$213.02	\$122.78	\$250.00
Cat 631G	52.50	\$442.19	\$125.64	1	\$567.83	\$125.64	\$250.00
CAT 14M	23.57	\$135.56	\$59.44	1	\$195.00	\$59.44	\$250.00
Drill/Broadcast Seeder with Tractor	25.00	\$41.02	\$59.44	1	\$100.46	\$59.44	\$250.00

Subtotals: **\$1,076.31** **\$367.30** **\$1,000.00****ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Machine Description	Total Cost/hr/ unit	Fleet Size	Haul Trip Cost/hr/ fleet	Return Trip Cost/hr/ fleet
Water Tanker, 2,500 Gal.	\$34.10	1	\$34.10	\$34.10

Subtotals: **\$34.10** **\$34.10**

**EQUIPMENT HAUL DISTANCE and Time**

Nearest Major City or Town within project area region:	<u>LAMAR</u>	
Total one-way travel distance:	<u>12.50</u>	miles
Average Travel Speed:	<u>50.00</u>	mph

Total Non-Roadable Mob/Demob Cost *	<u>\$7,027.05</u>
** two round trips with haul rig:	
Total Roadable Mob/Demob Cost **	<u>\$17.05</u>
** one round trip, no haul rig:	

**Transportation Cycle Time:**

	Non-Roadable Equipment	Roadable Equipment
Haul Time (Hours):	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.25</u>
Return Time (Hours):	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.25</u>
Loading Time (Hours):	<u>1.00</u>	<u>NA</u>
Unloading Time (Hours):	<u>1.00</u>	<u>NA</u>
Subtotals:	<u>2.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>

**JOB TIME AND COST**

Total job time:	<u>5.00</u>	Hours
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Total job cost:	<u>\$7,044</u>
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