




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.

MINE NAME: Upper Mountain Top	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2011-003	MINERAL: Silver	COUNTY: Ouray
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 23, 2024	INSP. TIME: 14:25
OPERATOR: The Mining Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: MP - Mineral Prospecting	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$2,552.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West Amber Gibson Hunter Ridley	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 28, 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>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>Y</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 as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. Shortly after the inspection was conducted, a Full and Final Release Request was submitted for the site, therefore this inspection also serves as the Release Inspection for SL-1. The Upper Mountain Top is listed as an Active Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operation located in Governor's Basin in Ouray County approximately 30 Miles west of Ouray, CO at 11,988 feet in elevation. The site consists of .5 acres around a historic portal and waste rock dump and public access is controlled by a locked gate. No Operator Representative was present during the inspection. Russ Means, Amber Gibson, Hunter Ridley and Todd Jesse of the Division also accompanied the inspection. The Division currently holds \$2,552.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A Reclamation Cost Estimate Update was not performed as a result of this inspection as full release has been requested. Three Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

The access road is an existing claim road that branches off of Forest Service Road 853.1C, the locked gate lies along the access road near the boundary of the claim. No identification sign was posted on site at the time of the inspection. Due to the high volume of recreational travel in the area and the likelihood of theft the lack of identification signage is not considered a problem at this time. The access road is in good condition and no signs of settling, slumping or erosion of the road was noted. At the end of the access road is the portal pad, waste rock dump and portal. The portal was observed and secured with a locking metal gate, no evidence of vandalism or attempted unauthorized entry was noted. The portal was discharging at the time of the inspection and was visually estimated to be flowing at a rate of 20-25 Gallons Per Minute. The flow was following a preferential flow path and showed no visual signs of impaired water quality. The portal and it's discharge can be seen in Photo One. Leading away from the portal is a historic mine rail spur leading to the edge of the waste rock dump. The dump itself is in good condition and appeared stable at the time of the inspection and can be seen in Photo Two.

Across the portal pad, a mixture of historic and semi-modern mining related debris is scattered. The debris appears to be being stored for potential future use and is somewhat neat and orderly. Adjacent to the stored materials is a small shack that was in good condition. The shack was secured and no signs of attempted unauthorized entry or vandalism was noted. The shack and various debris can be seen in Photo Three.

A review of Division records, in addition to observations made during this and previous inspections show that no disturbance has been made under the current NOI. All disturbances took place prior to the current NOI and even pre-law. Therefore, it's the Divisions decision to approve the Release Request, SL-1 submitted by the Operator. Please see the enclosed SL-1 Approval Letter for more information.

The overall footprint of the site is in good condition. No signs of settling, slumping or erosion was noted and no State Listed Noxious Weeds were observed during the inspection. No problems or possible violations were observed. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 East 62nd Ave, Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-919-2997 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View West, showing the Portal, portal structure and discharge on site. No visual signs of water quality impairment were noted, and the portal was secure and in good condition.

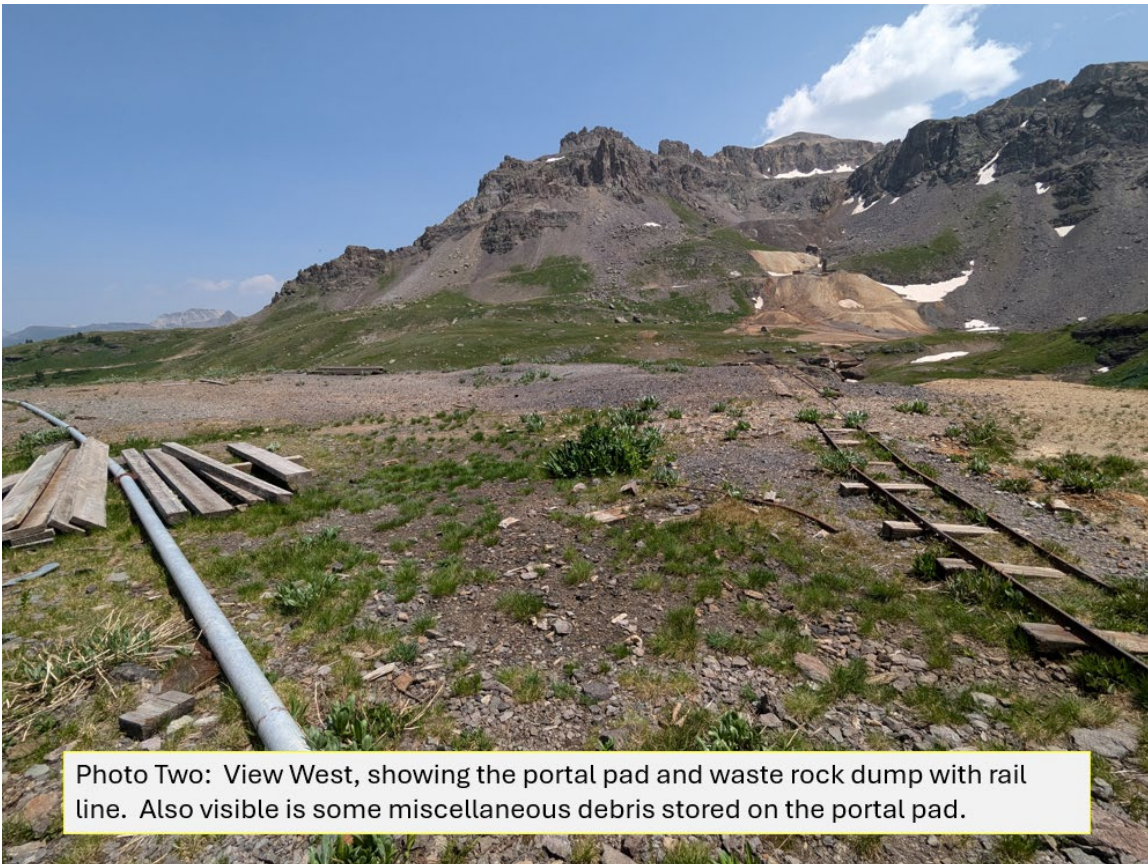


Photo Two: View West, showing the portal pad and waste rock dump with rail line. Also visible is some miscellaneous debris stored on the portal pad.



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Enclosure SL-1 Approval Letter

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