

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: X-2006-223-07 Mine Name: Oxbow 2006 North Elk Creek License Operator: Oxbow Mining, LLC Operator Address: Doug Smith 3737 Hwy 133 P. O. Box 535 Somerset, CO 81434 County: Gunnison Operation Type: Coal exploration Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private

Operator Representative Present:

Chuck Shelden

Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: August 29, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 08:00 Inspection End Date: August 29, 2024 Inspection End Time: 12:00			Inspection Type: Coal Exploration Inspection Inspection Reason: Surety Release Requested Weather: Clear		
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint Inspection Contacts:			
None					
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:			
None					
Inspector(s):	Inspecto	r's Sig	gnature: Signature Date:		
Leigh Simmons	Ri	~	September 6, 2024		

Inspection Topic Summary

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

- ${\bf N}\;$ Air Resource Protection
- Y Backfill & Grading
- N Fish & Wildlife
- Y Hydrologic Balance
- Y Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
- N Other

Y - Roads

- Y Reclamation Success
- Y Revegetation
- ${\bf N}~$ Slides and Other Damage
- Y Signs and Markers
- Y Topsoil

COMMENTS

Following a request for bond release from Oxbow Mining for the remaining disturbance associated with X-2006-223-07, this inspection was conducted by Leigh Simmons of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) and accompanied by Chuck Shelden of Oxbow Mining. The weather was clear, warm and dry.

The remaining liability for exploration permit X-2006-223-07 is associated with 2 exploration holes and drill pads (ECM 05-24 and ECM 06-30), and 3850 feet of road. Abandonment reports for the holes were submitted with the release request showing that the holes were abandoned in 2007. The pads and roads were reclaimed in 2017, (an inspection report from August 2017 documents the reclamation in progress).

The site was accessed from the old Hwy 133 in a UTV, via the steep road up Coal Bank. The reclaimed exploration road segments and drill pads were accessed on foot. Hole locations were clearly identified with t-posts, with stamped metal tags to label them. There was no sign of any casing near the surface. The pads and roads had been backfilled and graded to approximate original contour, and all stockpiled topsoil had been spread accross the reclaimed area prior to seeding. Vegetative cover on all reclaimed areas was excellent - certainly adequate to stabilize the surface. Vegetation was a diverse mix of forbs and perrenial grasses, with volunteer shrubs in places. Although some canada thistle was observed, it was not abundant or dominant in any areas. In general noxious weeds were not a concern.

A screenshot of the webmap used during the inspection is shown in Figure 1, with inspection features in green. (Hole ECM 08-55, shown on the map, was inspected but was drilled under a different permit and has already received bond release)

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED N/A

OTHER (SPECIFY) N/A

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

MAPS & PHOTOGRAPHS

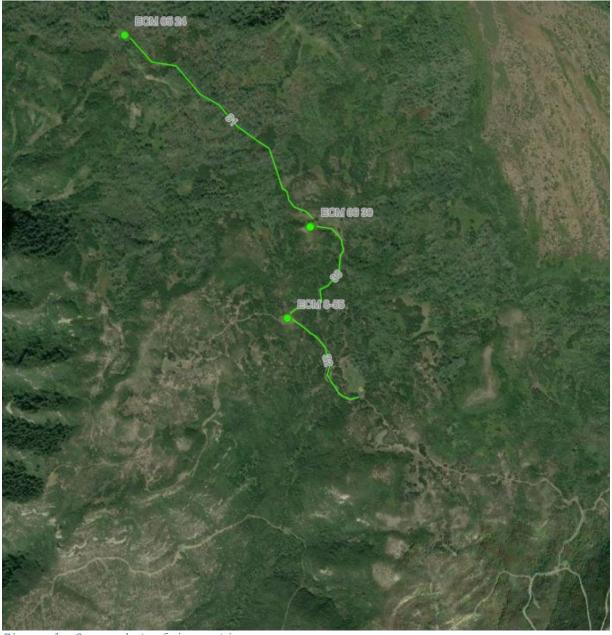


Figure 1: Screenshot of inspection map

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

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Figure 2: Reclaimed road



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Figure 4: ECM 06-30

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Figure 5: ECM 06-30A



Figure 6: ECM 06-30 pad



Figure 7: ECM 05-24

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Figure 8: ECM 05-24 pad