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LTS Performance Horses LLC- Inspection Report

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Hello Mr. Rathbun,

Attached to this email is a copy of the Division's Inspection Report for the inspection conducted on November 20, 2024.

A hard copy will not be mailed unless requested.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Chris

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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: LTS Performance Horses LLC	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: File No. M-2024-052	MINERAL: NA	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Possible Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: November 20, 2024	INSP. TIME: 09:00am
OPERATOR: LTS Performance Horses LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Dakota Rathbun	TYPE OF OPERATION: NA	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Citizen Complaint	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: NA	BOND AMOUNT: NA	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: NA	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Chris Girardi Jared Ebert	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: December 17, 2024	

OBSERVATIONS

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, Chris Girardi and Jared Ebert of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) conducted an inspection of the subject property after receiving an anonymous tip that a potential unpermitted mining operation was being conducted at the subject property.

The property does not have a reclamation permit. Upon review of the property on the Weld County Property Portal, the Division identified the company LTS Performance Horses LLC as the property owner and Dakota Rathbun (Mr. Rathbun) as the registered agent. The Division contacted Mr. Rathbun on November 12, 2024. Mr. Rathbun stated that mining was not being conducted at the property. According to Mr. Rathbun, there are stockpiles at the property because power lines were recently installed along the road, and the stockpiled material was the native soil that was displaced during installation of the power lines. He also indicated that stockpiled material had not left the property.

The surrounding land use is agricultural, residential, and industrial. The subject property is located to the northwest of the intersection of County Road 84 and County Road 31. An oil and gas tank battery is located nearby. Mr. Rathbun was not present during the inspection but gave the Division permission to conduct the inspection of the property. Two small stockpiles of soil or borrow material were observed adjacent to the north of County Road 84 (see Photos 1-2). Two large, vegetated stockpiles of what appeared to be topsoil were present (see Photos 4-5). To the north was a field that showed evidence of tilling (see Photos 6-9). Tillage equipment (see Photo 7) was observed in the field as well. A dirt access road ran parallel to County Road 31 and the tilled field and showed evidence of vehicular traffic. On the northern side of the field, a large stockpile of soil/borrow material approximately fifteen (15) feet in height was observed along with a wheel loader and dozer combo equipment (see Photo 9). The access road leads to this stockpiled material. It appears recent excavation into the stockpile has occurred and it seems this material may have been transported to the south

side of the property and stockpiled near the entrance to the site (Photo 1-2)

Based on the Division's field observations, a reclamation permit will not need to be obtained by LTS Performance Horses LLC for the subject property at this time. The property contained stockpiles of material, but it is unclear if material had been transported offsite. As indicated above, Mr. Rathbun stated that material had not left the property. If LTS Performance Horses LLC intends to process the material, transport the material offsite, and/or sell the material, then a reclamation permit would need to be obtained.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Dirt stockpile near County Road 84, facing west.



Photo 2: Second dirt stockpile near County Road 84, facing west.



Photo 3: Stockpile near in field, facing northeast.



Photo 4: Topsoil stockpile near in field, facing east.



Photo 5: Stockpile near intersection of County Road 84 and County Road 31, facing east.



Photo 6: Power lines along County Road 31, facing north.



Photo 7: Tilling equipment in field.



Photo 8: Tilled field, facing west.

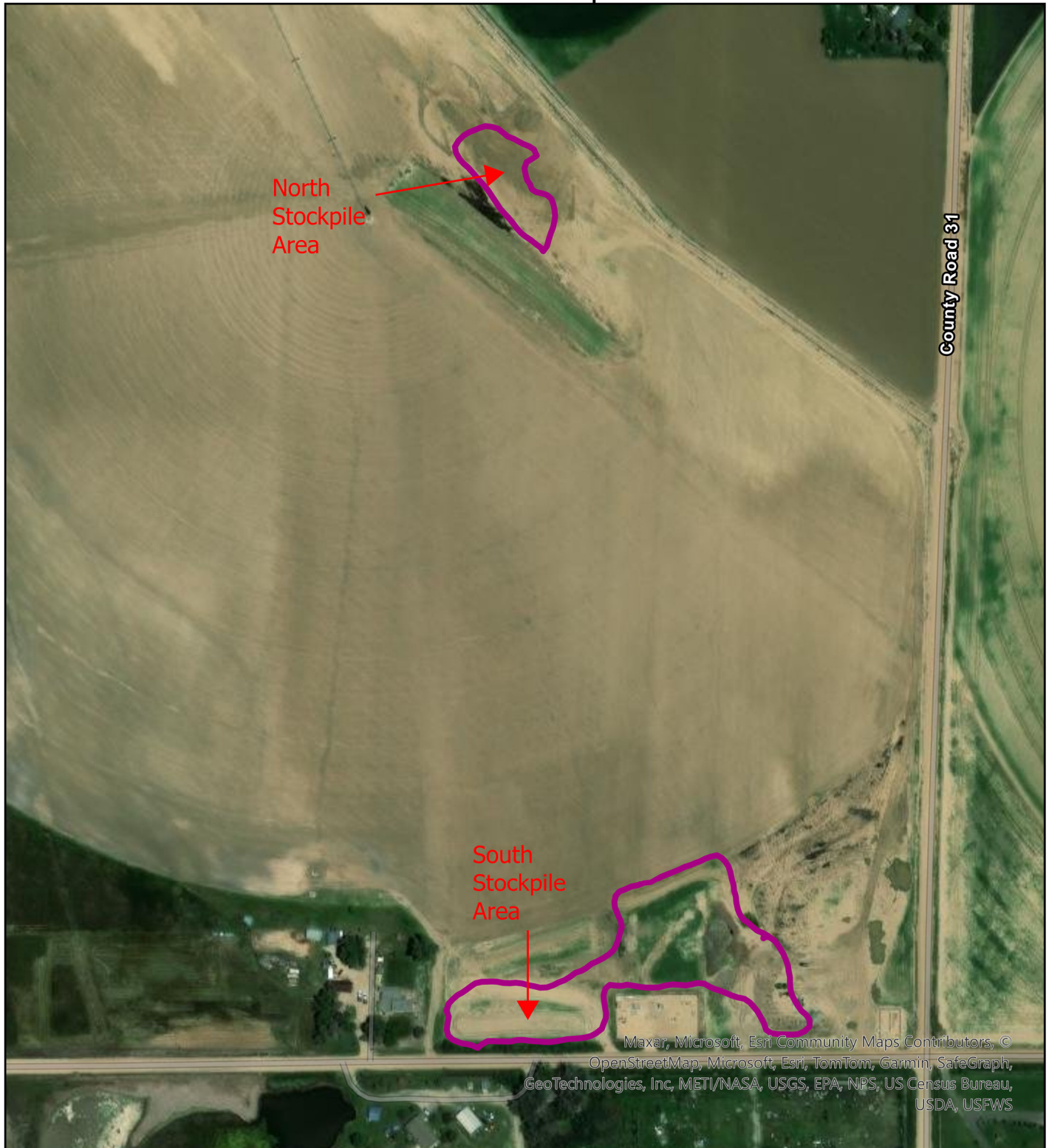


Photo 9: Large stockpile in the northern portion of the tilled field, facing northwest.

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