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## Joosten Prospecting Inspection Report

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To: mike@joosten.us

Fri, Jan 17, 2025 at 12:12 PM

Hi Mike.

Please see the attached inspection report for the Joosten Prospecting release request, permit no. P2009023. The approval notice will be sent under separate cover from the Division.

Reach out to me if you have any questions on the report.

Kind regards,

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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> Joosten Prospecting-Portion of Jones Placer	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> P-2009-023	<b>MINERAL:</b> Silver, gold and platinum	<b>COUNTY:</b> Clear Creek
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear, Snow on the ground	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> January 7, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 15:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Mike Joosten	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mike Joosten	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> MP - Mineral Prospecting	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$3,500.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Michael Cunningham	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> January 17, 2025	

**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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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 Joosten Prospecting NOI site was inspected by Nikie Gagnon with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). Mike Joosten accompanied the Division during the inspection. This inspection was completed as part of a release request submitted on December 12, 2024, in accordance with Rule 4.16.1.

The NOI site is located 3.5 miles west of Idaho Springs, CO in Clear Creek County. The NOI application was issued by the Division on August 20, 2009. The land ownership is private. The permit area is located south of Trail Creek Road.

The approved NOI involves sampling of the surface soil and rock using a metal detector, hand tools and hand panning. According to Division records, no prospecting disturbance of the soil occurred at the site. The only disturbance was the construction of a 12' X 16' storage shed built on the west end of the site to store tools for the prospecting activities (Photo 2). A historic mine tailings dump is located on the east side of permit area (Photo 4).

According to the 2024 reclamation report and release request, the shed was removed from the property in 2024 and the ground beneath was returned to the previous flat grade with no vegetation. The operator submitted photos showing the pre and post condition of the land.

During this inspection, the Division observed the site to confirm the shed has been removed (Photo 1).

Based on the reclamation report, Division records, and observations during this inspection, in accordance with Rule 4.16.1(2), the request for a release of reclamation liability will be approved. A notice of approval will be sent under separate cover.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 720-527-1640, or by email at [nikie.gagnon@state.co.us](mailto:nikie.gagnon@state.co.us).

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Location on west end of the site where shed was removed from the site.



**Photo 2:** Location of shed constructed on site.  
Photo provided by the Operator in the 2024 Reclamation Report.





**Photo 3:** Looking towards the east side of the permit area where the historic mine dump is located.



**Photo 4:** Historic mine dump area on the east side of the permit area.  
Photo provided by the Operator in the 2024 Reclamation Report.



**Photo 5:** Entrance to prospecting site. Mine sign posted (red arrow).

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