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### C1981022, Elk Creek Mine, January Inspection Report

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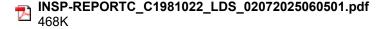
Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 6:13 PM

Attached. Apologies for the delay

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## **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1981-022	County: Delta, Gunnison			
Mine Name: Elk Creek Mine	Operation Type: Underground			
<b>Operator:</b> Oxbow Mining, LLC	Permit Status: Active			
Operator Address:	Ownership: Private			
Mr Doug Smith				
3737 Hwy 133	Operator Representative Present:			
P. O. Box 535				
Somerset, CO 81434	Doug Smith			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				

### **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: January 22 Inspection Start Time: 13:00 Inspection End Date: Inspection End Time:	2, 2025		Inspection Type: Coal Inspection Reason: No Weather: Cloudy		
Joint Inspection Agency: J		Joint	Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None					
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:			
None					
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature:		nature:	Signature Date:	
Leigh Simmons	Bli			February 7, 2025	

#### **Inspection Topic Summary**

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

Y - Air Resource Protection Y - Roads

N - Availability of Records Y - Reclamation Success

Y - Backfill & Grading N - Revegetation

Y - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste N - Subsidence

N - Explosives
Y - Fish & Wildlife
Y - Hydrologic Balance
N - Slides and Other Damage
R - Support Facilities On-site
Y - Signs and Markers

R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
N - Support Facilities Not On-site
N - Other
N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

### **COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection by Leigh Simmons of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The weather was clear, dry and cold. The status of the Elk Creek Mine is "active" however no coal is being mined and the only activity since the last inspection was site maintenance.

#### GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

The work going on in Hubbard Creek to construct a methane destruction facility was still in progress.

There was a plan to construct a cell phone tower in the permit area, close the entrance to the water tank road. If this goes ahead a Minor Revision will be needed to update the Permit Application Packet with a description of the tower.

#### SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

No further progress had been made on the removal of the sub-station at the upper pad in the Elk Creek facilities area.

#### **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.

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 5 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Figure 1: Possible location for cell phone tower