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Yoast and Sage Creek Inspections

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Good Morning Miranda,

Please find DRMS's 2025 February inspections for the above referenced sites. These were complete inspections.

Thank you

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Department of Natural Resources

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C2009087 Mine Name: Sage Creek Operator Address: Peabody Sage Creek Mining LLC Ms. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road No. 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Routt Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private Operator Representative Present: Mike Howard
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) This report was issued electronically from the Divisions' Denver Office.	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: 10 Feb 2025 Inspection Start Time: 3:30 p.m. Inspection End Date: 10 Feb 2025 Inspection End Time: 4:30 p.m.	Inspection Type: Complete Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear
Joint Inspection Agency: OSM	Joint Inspection Contacts:
Post Inspection Agency: None	Post Inspection Contacts:
Inspector(s): Robin Reilley, M.S. GISP	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: 12 Feb 2025

Inspection Topic Summary	
NOTE: Y =Inspected V =Violation Issued	N =Not Inspected NA =Not Applicable
R - Air Resource Protection R - Availability of Records NA - Backfill & Grading NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste NA - Explosives N - Fish & Wildlife N - Hydrologic Balance R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan N - Facilities NA - Processing Waste	R - Roads NA - Reclamation Success NA - Revegetation N - Subsidence N - Slides and Other Damage N - Support Facilities on site R - Signs and Markers NA - Support Facilities Not on site NA - Special Categories Of Mining NA - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a complete inspection of the Sage Creek Mine, operated by Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC. The inspection was conducted, and the report prepared by me, Robin Reilley of the DRMS. Michael Howard Seneca Properties Inc. representative was present throughout the inspection. Various structures and infrastructure are present throughout the site. No hydrologic or air quality issues were detected at the time of inspection. The weather was clear. The air was calm, and temperatures hovered around 20 degrees Fahrenheit. The road into the site was snow covered, and the site was not accessible.

INSPECTION

MAINTENANCE ITEMS

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

The site is inactive and not in reclamation. Should the economics of further coal extraction at the site become beneficial the site could be reactivated. Mining facilities and infrastructure remain in place. Utilizable equipment from the reclaimed Williams Fork site has been stockpiled at the site for possible future use. Equipment is stockpiled throughout the site and utilized at the Foidel Creek site when needed.

SIGNS and MARKERS – Rule 4.02

- The mine identification signs were in place at the site entrance. The sign was intact, displaying all required information: mine name, operator name, address, phone number, DRMS permit number and contact information.

ROADS Rule 4.03

Construction 4.03.1(3), 4.03.2(3); Drainage 4.03.1(4), 4.03.2(4); Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6) 4.03.2(5) and (6).

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 3

- Mike and I drove out to the site with the intention of checking ponds and ditches but the haul road was snow covered and icy.
- Roads were snow covered and icy, rendering the site inaccessible.

INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT and CIVIL PENALTIES – RULE 5

Inspections 5.02; Availability of Records

- Records were inspected as this was a complete inspection. See any yellow highlighted items on the checklist.
- No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

NONE

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine identification sign at entry to the site.

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AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**PERMIT RECORDS**

DRMS Permit	PR2 2020
Permit Application w/Revisions	Yes
Findings Document	MT3 2023
Insurance Certificate	EXP Aug 2025
Bond Document	Yes SI 1 2024
Phased Bond Release	SL4 2017
Documents/Findings	
Air Emission Permits	Yes
County Special Use Permits	Yes
UG Mining Landowner Notification	Yes
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	Yes 2015
Subsidence Monitoring Data	na
Rill & Gully Survey	2016
Vegetation Monitoring Data	2017
Specific Variance Approvals	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2023
Midterm Review Documents	MT3 2023
DRMS/OSM Inspection	2023
Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	
Transfers/Succession of Operator	2016 parent co
Temporary Cessation Notification	2016 deactivated
Reclamation Cost Estimate	RN8
CERTIFICATIONS	Permit
Pond Certifications	
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	2023 Q3
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA
• Quarterly Inspections	NA
• Compaction Testing	NA
• Final Certification	NA
Coal Processing Waste Banks	NA
Haul Road Certifications	Permit
Access Road Certifications	Permit

HYDROLOGIC RECORDS

NPDES Permit	Yes
NPDES Records	Miranda's elec
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes 2023
SPCC Plan	Yes
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
	NA
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Quarterly Pond Inspections	2024 Q2
Annual Hydrology Reports	2023
• Ground Water Monitoring	Yes
• Surface Water Monitoring	Yes
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	Yes
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	Yes
• Mine Inflow Study	Yes
• Water Consumption Records	Yes
Well Permits	Yes

BLASTING RECORDS

Blasting Publication	NA
Blasting Records (3 years)	NA
ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
Blasting Variances	NA
Pre-Blast Surveys	NA

**ADDITIONAL RECORDS
(specify)**

COMMENTS: Items highlighted in yellow require addressing.

Refuse pile report is included with pond reports