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Seifert Construction, Seifert Pit Reclamation Status

1 message

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Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 3:18 PM

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Hi Trent,

I'm not sure if you're still the contact for this site, but you are the contact I have on file for Seifert Construction. I was also working with Kenneth Klco as a contractor with Seifert.

Attached are 2 inspections of the Seifert Pit which is currently under reclamation. Everything looks great except the presence of musk thistle which is a Class B noxious weed. I've left recommendations in the both inspections for addressing the weeds and I've also cc our weeds specialist, Aaron Richter on this email in case you need recommendations for licensed applicators.

Until all disturbed areas are void of noxious weeds, this site cannot be released from the financial warranty on file. There are also a few structures that will need to be removed as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

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Operation Type: ☒ Competitive/Negotiated Contract ☐ Free Use Permit (FUP) ☐ Common Use Area (CUA)

Date: February 26, 2025 Time: 14:45 Weather: Sunny	Operation Name: Seifert Pit Case Number: COC66333 CDRMS #: M-1985-040
<u>Attendees</u> BLM: A. Pike (images taken by BLM geologist) Operator(s): Not present Other(s): None	<u>General</u> Operation(s) are in compliance with documentation on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Operation(s) and disturbance on-site coincide with the operations and access on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Current scale certification on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Annual copies of scale tickets on file <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Inspection Purpose: ☐ Pre-Operations ☒ General ☐ Final ☐ Trespass ☐ Complaint

Inspection Items	Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
1. Method of Operations			
Hardrock Quarry, Pit, Other			
a. Hardrock Quarry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Operations Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Processing Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Blasting <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Interim Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Final Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Working Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Pit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Operations Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Processing Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Area of Disturbance/Excavation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Operations Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Processing Equipment			
2. Site Conditions			
a. Material/Waste Rock Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Erosion & Stormwater Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Man-made Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Weed Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. Safety Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Interim Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Interim Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Inspection Items	Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
3. Housekeeping			
a. Container Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Spills/Leaks Observed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Hazardous Substances/POL Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. General Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Access			
a. Road Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Berms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Surface Water Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Quality Assurance/Quality Control			
a. Routine Site Conditions Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Air, Water, Noise, Other Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Monitoring Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Regulatory Submittals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Agency/Entity Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Final Reclamation			
a. Backloping/Contouring Highwall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Access Roads/Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Grading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Removal of Structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Free of Trash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Actions Necessary	
Non-Compliance Issues to be addressed by Operator	
2.d Site Conditions – Weed Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class B noxious weed present along access road and pit area – musk thistle (ref. images 1-2). The State of Colorado and Custer County, CO requires an integrated management plan (e.g. cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical methods) for the prevention control of class A and B noxious weeds per the authority of the 1991 Colorado Noxious Weed Act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operator needs to reference the Weed Management Plan on file. If a plan is not filed, then the operator should supply BLM with a current/updated Weed Management Plan. All musk thistle present along the road was dead due to the winter season; however, will most likely reappear during the spring, if not treated. The BLM noxious weeds specialist was consulted to determine a treatment/monitoring plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most effective way to control musk thistle is to treat them with an effective selective herbicide labeled for the site at least once per year. Cleaning up the site may take several years. The specialist recommends Milestone as it is very effective on 	

thistle species but easy on desirable species. *NOTE – If chemical methods are utilized a commercially licensed applicator will need to be contracted to eradicate/remove all noxious weeds on BLM lands. The applicator must abide by the BLM herbicide program including to make sure we have a valid pesticide use proposal for the proposed chemical and provide us with treatment records*

- BLM will provide the operator with recommendations for commercially licensed applicators.

6.d. Final Reclamation – Revegetation

- Native vegetation has been established along all disturbed areas; however, the presence of Class B weeds indicates less than desirable vegetation present (ref. images 1-4). A self-sustaining desirable vegetation population must be present with at least an 80% regrowth, compared to the surrounding undisturbed area before reclamation is deemed complete.

6.e. Final Reclamation – Removal of Structure

- All temporary and permanent structures need to be removed to meet all final reclamation requirements. The following structures are still present onsite (ref. images 14-16):
 - T-posts located at the entrance to the access road along off Timber Ridge Road
 - Secured gate at the entrance of the pit
 - Site signage and post

Final Notes

General Comments:

- The road was only inspected during this inspection for noxious weeds.
- The site is currently under reclamation. All reclamation requirements have been except the revegetation of the access road and pit area. T-posts are located at the entrance of the access road to prevent re-disturbance by other public land users. A secured/closed gate is still present at the entrance to the pit with signage; however, the signage has fallen down. These structures will need to be removed to finalize reclamation. Highwall has been reclaimed to 3:1 and pit recontoured to mimic surrounding topography.

Date inspection shared with CDRMS:

Date inspection shared with Operator:

Proprietary Information

Monthly or Annual Waste Percentage per Production: N/A

Monthly or Annual Amended Material Amount (tons or yd³): N/A

Conversion Factor (tons/yd³): N/A

Commodity Types and Percentage per Commodity Produced: N/A

Consumer Region(s): N/A

Operator Flight(s) or Annual Flight Data: N/A

Images

Images 1-2:



Comment: Noxious weeds present along reclaimed access road (red circle).



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Additional Actions Necessary

Non-Compliance Issues to be addressed by Operator

2.d Site Conditions – Weed Management

- Class B noxious weed present along access road and pit area – musk thistle (ref. images 5-8). The State of Colorado and Custer County, CO requires an integrated management plan (e.g. cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical methods) for the prevention control of class A and B noxious weeds per the authority of the 1991 Colorado Noxious Weed Act.
- Operator needs to reference the Weed Management Plan on file. If a plan is not filed, then the operator should supply BLM with a current/updated Weed Management Plan.
- The BLM noxious weeds specialist was consulted to determine a treatment/monitoring plan.
 - The most effective way to control musk thistle is to treat them with an effective selective herbicide labeled for the site at least once per year. Cleaning up the site may take several years. The specialist recommends Milestone as it is very effective on thistle species but easy on desirable species. ***NOTE – If chemical methods are utilized a certified commercially licensed applicator will need to be contracted to eradicate/remove all noxious weeds on BLM lands. The applicator must abide by the BLM herbicide program including to make sure we**

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- Small excavator/backhoe trench/pit is located at the base of the highwall approximately 5 feet long and 2 foot wide. The disturbance should have been backfilled; however, has been overgrown with vegetation. As the highwall has been backsloped and the site recontoured this minimal disturbance will not be required to be reclaimed; however, is noted in the case record.

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Date inspection shared with Operator:

Proprietary Information

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Monthly or Annual Amended Material Amount (tons or yd³): N/A

Conversion Factor (tons/yd³): N/A

Commodity Types and Percentage per Commodity Produced: N/A

Consumer Region(s): N/A

Operator Flight(s) or Annual Flight Data: N/A

Images

Images 1-4:





Comment: Revegetation along access road and pit

Images 5-8:





Comment: Noxious weeds present along reclaimed access road and pit area (red circle).

Images 9-13:

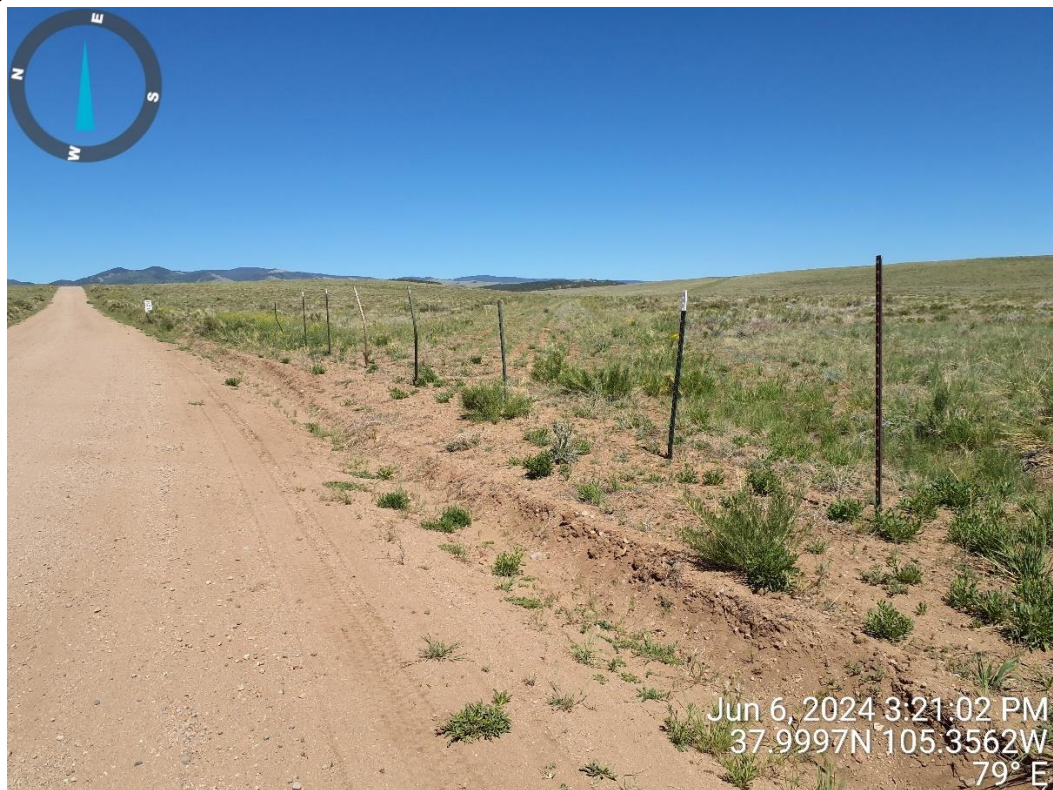






Comment: Recontoured highwall with 3:1 slope; adequate revegetation and overview of reclaimed area

Image 14-16:





Comment: Structures still present onsite