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M2011007, Robert Fulton Reclamation Project, SL-1, Final Release Inspection Report

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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.

MINE NAME: Robert Fulton Reclamation	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2011-007	MINERAL: Silver and gold	COUNTY: Gilpin
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: March 5, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Venture Resources, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$13,342.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Leigh Simmons	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 7, 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>N</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>N</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>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted by Leigh Simmons of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The inspection was prompted by the full surety release request, SL-1, which was received by the Division on January 6, 2025. Venture Resources, Inc. was notified of the inspection, but no representative was present.

The Robert Fulton Reclamation Project is a 110(d) operation with a total permit area of 1.21 acres, located approximately 3.2 miles north of Idaho Springs via Two Brothers Rd. and Virginia Canyon Rd. in Gilpin County; the average elevation is 9,240 ft. The permit was issued on March 9, 2012 and has not been revised. It has been documented in Annual Reports, as well as previous Inspection Reports, that no mining activity has occurred at the site since the permit was issued.

The weather was clear, but there was snow on the ground. The site was accessed from Virginia Canyon Road. Observations made during the inspection confirmed that there were no changes at the site since the last inspection, and no mining activity had occurred since the permit was issued.

The locations of photos taken during the inspection are shown on the screenshot of the field map.

No observations made during the inspection would prevent the approval of SL-1.

MAPS & PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Screenshot of field map used during the inspection, with approximate permit boundary in purple, and the locations of photographs taken in green



Figure 2: 469 - entrance to the site off Virginia Canyon Road



Figure 3: 471



Figure 4: 472 - evidence of septic system installed by landowner



Figure 5: 473a - historic waste pile



Figure 6: 473b



Figure 7: 473c



Figure 8: 474, Mine ID sign and historic waste pile from eastern boundary of permit area



Figure 9: 475 - residential construction in progress

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