




**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> Dorsch Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1998-060	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Kit Carson
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Windy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> March 18, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Kit Carson County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Dave Hornung	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Ben Hammar	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> March 27, 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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>N</u>	

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

### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was performed as part of the Division's standard monitoring program by Ben Hammar. He was accompanied by Dave Hornung, county commissioner and representative of Kit Carson County. At the time of inspection, the weather was dry and windy.

The Dorsch Pit is a 112c aggregate pit located approximately 7 miles south-southwest of Flagler, CO. The site is currently approved for 16.9 acres of affected land, and the post-mining land use is pastureland.

Current mining takes place in the western portion of the pit, and the eastern pit area is nearly completely reclaimed. Per statements from the operator, the site sees frequent use. A small highwall was present along the north site boundary, and the site appears to be approximately 5 feet deep. Product stockpiles were stored within the pit floor.

The site is currently up to date on annual reporting, and no issues related to availability of records were found. The 2024 annual report and map were submitted on September 8th.

No standing water was present during the inspection, and no signs of impacts to the local hydrologic balance were observed.

No significant erosional issues were observed, and all signs and markers were present and in place. Topsoil berms were constructed around the perimeter of the site to the north, east and south, and appeared to be stable at the time of inspection.

No other issues were found, and as this is a government site no bond is held.

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Enclosure

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Posted mine ID sign.



Photo 2: Example topsoil stockpile. Note all stockpiles were seeded and stable.



Photo 3: Example boundary marker. All boundary markers were present and in good condition.



Photo 4: Pit floor and product stockpiles. Pit highwall is also shown.

