




**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> Strode Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2021-002	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand	<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> 12:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Castle Rock Construction Company of Colorado	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<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> \$74,825.00	
<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 28, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>NA</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>NA</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was performed by Ben Hammar as part of the Division's standard monitoring program. The Strode Pit is located approximately 3.8 miles southeast of Flagler, CO. The site is currently permitted as reclamation only and is permitted for a disturbed area of 54.85 acres. The operation was originally permitted as 111c permit No. M2019002. This permit was replaced by the current operation due to Violation No. MV2020026. The site is currently permitted as a 112c operation.

Due to the nature of the site, no appears to have occurred near the time of inspection. As the site is currently in reclamation, no further disturbance is expected, and no mining plan exists within the current permit.

At the time of inspection, the reseeded sections of the site hadn't experienced a recent growing season, and so no significant observations related to reclamation success could be made. Based on the ground cover present during this inspection the site does appear to be in active reclamation and a reasonable effort has been made by the operator to control noxious weeds. The operator should take care to continue to monitor noxious weeds.

The site had been completely regraded at the time of inspection, and all slopes are shallow and within compliance of being 3:1 slopes or flatter as required by a rangeland post-mining land use.

All signs and markers were present and in adequate condition at the time of inspection. Boundaries were clearly marked at each corner with T-posts, and a steel sign was posted at the former site entrance.

No other issues were present. The site is bonded for \$74,825. Given the reclamation already performed, the Division feels that this amount is sufficient to complete any further reclamation required if necessary, and as such no bond increase with be necessary at this time.

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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Enclosure

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Posted mine ID sign.



Photo 2: Example boundary marker.



Photo 3: Current reclamation progress.

