




**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> Sunday Mine	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-285	<b>MINERAL:</b> Uranium and vanadium	<b>COUNTY:</b> San Miguel
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Multi Person Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> February 27, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:49
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Pinon Ridge Mining LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Bruce Smith	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112d-2 - Designated Mining Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$330,242.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Lucas West	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 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>Y</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>Y</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 partial inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. In addition to the inspector and Operator representatives listed on page one of this report, Bridget Wade of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Sunday Mine is a 112d that consists of 60 permitted acres and a maximum disturbance of 40 acres all on lands administered by the BLM. The site not active the day of the inspection, with various surface maintenance tasks being conducted as well as underground operations. The Division Currently holds \$523,126.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate was not performed as a result of this inspection. Six Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current conditions of the site. The Sunday Complex (Sunday, Carnation, St. Jude, West Sunday and Topaz Mines) have been moved to a quarterly Inspection Frequency given the increased level of activity. As a result, Inspections will be conducted on specific items, rather than a site wide inspection, with specific items rotating each inspection. During this inspection, some surface facilities as well as storm water control structures were the focus.

The proper Mine ID sign was observed at the entrance to the site. The permit boundary markers were also observed. The site is currently mining and stockpiling ore underground, but no ore has been brought to the surface. At the time of the inspection the portal was open and ventilation systems were active. Various mining equipment and supplies were observed on site and were all stored in a neat and orderly fashion. In the time since the Division's previous inspection, a new mobile office trailer has been brought on site and setup. The office trailer, seen in Photo One, is in good condition however will need to be permitted through the Division's Technical Revision (TR) process. On site discussions about the forthcoming TR focused on items to be included, which should be submitted soon. Once the TR is reviewed a new Reclamation Cost Estimate will be performed to ensure the new items are accounted for. The lined Ore Pad was observed to be in good condition. The face of the pad shows no evidence of surface stockpiling and no observable impacts from precipitation was noted. The out slopes and berms of the pad appear stable. The pad can be seen in Photo Two. To date, no ore material has been brought to the surface and stockpiled on the pad since it's construction.

Several stormwater control structures and system are located throughout the site. At the time of the inspection the Western stormwater pond contained standing water from snowmelt and precipitation as seen in Photo Three. The pond is excellent condition and the banks appeared to be stable. Around the toe of the waste rock dump, stormwater is routed to a large catchment basin using ditches, an example of which can be seen in Photo Four. All observed ditches were free from obstruction and appeared to be able to function as designed. The main stormwater basin can be seen in Photo Five. That basin also receives stormwater flows from around the facilities area, along with several other smaller catchments. The catchments in the facilities area can be seen in Photo Six. The series of ponds located adjacent to the low-grade ore stockpile were also observed to be in good condition however did not contain standing water at the time of the inspection. The upland diversion ditches that divert any potential run on water around the site to prevent it from becoming impacted stormwater were not observed during this inspection. On site discussions with Bruce Smith of Western Water and Land revealed that a comprehensive stormwater inspection had been conducted the day before the inspection and that all systems were in good working order.

The overall footprint of the site was in excellent condition, and free from excessive trash or debris. No significant signs of settling, slumping or erosion were noted on site and no State Listed Noxious Weeds were observed. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at Room 215, 1001 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80216, by phone at (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo One: View East, showing the new mobile office trailer installed on site. A TR to include the removal of the office trailer as well as various other items is forthcoming.



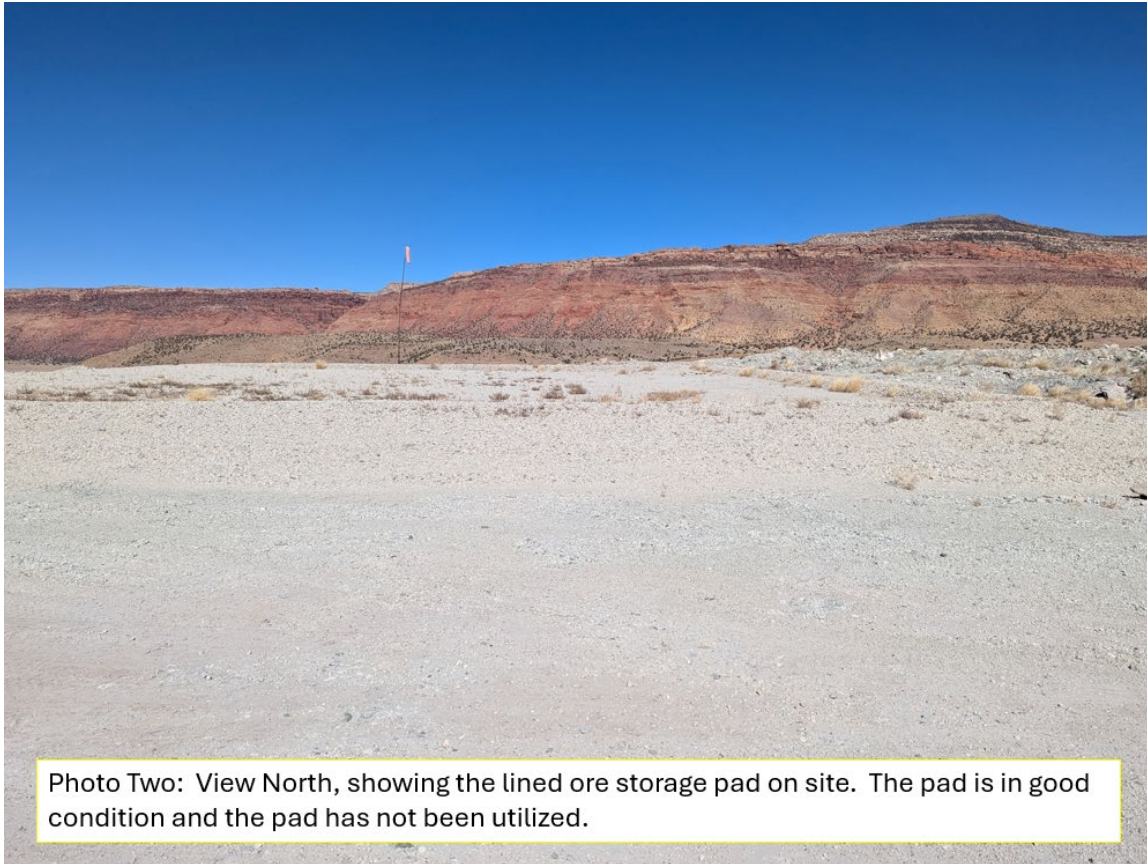










Photo Six: View East, showing a portion of the facilities area and the various storm water collection basins within the area.

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