




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: El Rancho Bondo	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2018-028	MINERAL: Gold	COUNTY: Fremont
INSPECTION TYPE: Multi Person Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 9, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Cary Joe Lovett	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Cary Joe Lovett	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(1) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$2,319.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: U.S.BLM	
INSPECTOR(S): Jocelyn Carter	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 18, 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>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</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>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</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

The El Ranch Bondo operation, permit number M-2018-028, was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, on behalf of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). Mr. Cary Joe Lovett is the operator and was present for the inspection. The land and mineral rights are Federally owned, and Mr. Daniel Pike of the BLM was also present. The weather at the time of the inspection was clear with warm temperatures.

El Rancho Bondo permit site is located approximately 8 miles west of Canon City, situated on the west side of the Arkansas River. The operation is no longer going forward with pursuing a discharge permit from CDPHE to operate a sluice. Mr. Lovett does intend to continue recreationally mining for gold by panning and suction dredging. The purpose of the inspection was to discuss the reclamation requirements of the site.

There are two pits that need to be backfilled with large boulders and a small volume of fines that will need to be spread over top. Given the proximity to the Arkansas River, the BLM stated that they don't see a reason for him to do any re-vegetating tasks for several reasons: BLM oversees the required actions necessary to address noxious weeds in that area, and the disturbance is so close to the river that trying to establish vegetation seems like a fruitless endeavor. The disturbance right now is within a zone where the fluxing of the river regularly sorts the fines/gravel/boulders and washes away vegetation. I agreed with the BLM's statements. Additionally, Mr. Lovett would like a ramp allowing for ATV access to remain on site. Given the permissions already in place to access the area with an ATV, the Division does not object to the ramp but will require that it is stable prior to the site being released.

Questions regarding this inspection should be directed to me, Jocelyn Carter, by email at Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us or by phone (720) 666-1065.

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