




**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> Smith Ranch Pit No 2	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1988-022	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Lincoln
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 22, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Lincoln County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<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 Zach Trujillo	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 30, 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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>NA</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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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 of the Smith Ranch Pit No. 2 was performed as part of a surety release request submitted by Lincoln County. This inspection was performed by Ben Hammar and Zach Trujillo of DRMS (The Division), who were accompanied by Ty Stogsdill and a representative of the local road and bridge district.

The Smith Ranch Pit No. 2 is a 4.0 acre 110c operation located approximately 8 miles southeast of Punkin Center, CO. This operation is inactive and currently in reclamation, with no recent activity at the time of inspection.

As this site is in reclamation and a surety release was requested, the primary focus of this inspection was reclamation progress and vegetation establishment. Boundary markers were present and appropriate signage was posted. No standing water was observed and no signs of erosion were present on the reclaimed slopes.

Overall, the grading of the site appears to be adequate and adheres to the 3:1 slope requirement of the rangeland post-mining land use. Vegetation appears to be well established, with only minor bare areas located in the pit floor where water tends to pool during significant storm events. As observed during this inspection, the site appears to be trending towards complete cover and being generally in-line with the agricultural character of the surrounding land. Based on this, the Division will approve the release request and will be providing a formal approval letter to accompany this report.

No other issues were present within the site, and noxious weeds or excessive erosion were not observed during this inspection. All signs and markers were adequately posted. As this is a county site, no bond update is necessary, and no bond is held.

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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Enclosure

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Posted ID sign at entrance.



Photo 2: Least vegetated area. Note the established slopes and seeded areas.



Photo 3: Pit floor with representative ground cover.  
Vegetation was dry at the time of inspection of covers the floor well.



Photo 4: Western slope of the site. Vegetation is well established and similar to the surrounding cover.