




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: Union Hill Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2000-056	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Fremont
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 16, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:20
OPERATOR: Fremont County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mike Whitt & Scott Hileman	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Jocelyn Carter	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 6, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>Y</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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

The Union Hill Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-2000-056, was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, on behalf of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). Fremont County is the permittee for this operation, Mr. Mike Whitt and Mr. Scott Hileman were present for the site visit for the inspection. The weather was clear with cool temperatures and a breeze.

The Union Hill Gravel Pit is a 112c permit with 79.70 acres permitted, located in Fremont County. The western permit boundary is adjacent to Fremont County's Dist. No. 2 Gravel Pit. The operation is situated about 1 mile to the northeast of the town of Florence, CO, north of the Arkansas River. The permit is for the extraction of gravel for the end use of road materials.

There was no equipment on site at the time of the site visit. Mr. Whitt stated that the site has never been mined, and a review of annual reports and historical satellite imagery shows that mining activity has not started on the site. The last inspection completed by the Division was performed on April 20, 2022. The records review does show that the operator submitted a full/final release on March 24, 2022. During the inspection performed by the Division, it was stated that there was a top-soil stockpile that needed to be graded, seeded, and re-vegetated. There was no indication of those previous issues on the site during this inspection.

Photos taken during the site visit are included in this inspection report. Questions regarding this inspection report should be directed to me by email at Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

Records

There are no open infractions or enforcement issues for this permit. The post-mining land use is rangeland, the mineral rights and landownership rights are owned by the county.

Hydrological Balance

There did not appear to be an impact on the hydrologic balance in the area.

Processing Waste/Tailings

There are no tailings or processed waste.

General Mine Plan Compliance

Mining activity has not yet begun on the permitted site.

Signs and Markers

The mine sign is posted at the western entrance of the permit site, see Photo #1. There is another sign posted at the entrance of the Dist. No. 2 Gravel Pit, see Photo #7. The permit boundary corners are marked with white PVC pipes over T-posts. In addition to the Dist. No. 2 Pit being adjacent to the permit area, there is also a shooting range and landfill in the immediate area that require to be marked. There was some confusion about which markers were designated for each area, PVC piping over T-posts are used for multiple markers. The Operator was asked to delineate which marker was used to mark this site, Dist. No. 2, and which ones mark both permit boundaries.

On April 29, 2025, the operator provided a map and corresponding photos, attached to this report. The Union Gravel Pit is marked with PVC that are marked with orange, the Dis. No. 2 Pit is marked with blue, and those that mark the shared boundary line are marked with both blue and orange.

Financial Warranty

The Division does not hold a bond for this site in accordance with Rule 4.1(1).

Fish & Wildlife

While on site, deer were traversing the permitted area, and birds and insects were observed occupying the area. There was not a negative impact on the fish and wildlife observed.

Erosion/Sedimentation

There was not an issue with erosion or sedimentation observed at the time of the inspection.

Topsoil

It was stated in the previous inspection report that a top-soil stockpile was created and needed to be graded, seeded, and re-vegetated along the west end of the permit area. The top-soil stockpile was not apparent during the site visit.

Revegetation

There did not appear to be an issue with noxious weeds on the permit area.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo #1: Mine sign posted at the entrance, located along the west side of the permit area, accessed through the Dist. No. 2 Gravel Pit permit area.



Photo #2: View of the trail used to access the permitted area, looking to the east.



Photo #3: View of the southern portion of the permitted area, looking east.



Photo #4: View of the permit area, looking northeast from the southwestern portion of the permit area.



Photo #5: View of the northern area of the permit, looking to the east from the northwest of the permit area.



Photo #6: View of the western portion of the permit area, looking to the south.



Photo #7: Additional permit sign posted at the entrance of the Dist. No. 2 Pit.

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Enclosure Operator's Photos of Boundary Marker

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FREMONT COUNTY'S UNION HILL GRAVEL PIT

