




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: Whinnery Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1998-055	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Gunnison
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 28, 2025	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Helen Whinnery	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$29,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 1, 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>Y</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>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>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 conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Whinnery Pit is located approximately eleven miles north of Lake City and accessed from Hwy 149 near mile marker 85. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$29,000.00 for this site. The Division has reviewed the reclamation costs, in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, and determined that the current financial warranty amount is sufficient.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by posts and fencing that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

Mining was not occurring during this inspection. Processed gravel stockpiles are located on the west side of the pit. The pit currently covers approximately four acres and is approximately twenty feet deep. Slopes around most of the pit range from approximately 2-3H:1V and appear stable. Approximately 250 linear feet of highwall in the northwest corner of the pit has been left at roughly 1H:1V. Topsoil is stockpiled at the south end of the pit.

Disturbances to the hydrologic balance were not noted. There was no standing water observed in the pit. Issues related to erosion or stormwater control were not noted.

There was no processing equipment or processing waste on-site. There was no mining equipment stored on-site.

Fuels or toxic materials are not stored on-site. The operation has not exposed toxic or acid-forming materials.

Explosives are not used for this operation.

Noxious weed infestations were not noted.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393, dustin.czapla@state.co.us.



Mine sign at site entrance



Stockpiled material on west side of pit



Topsoil stockpile on south end of pit



View of pit from south end



View of pit from south end



View of pit from south end

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