




**MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**  
**PHONE: (303) 866-3567**

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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>NA                                   | <b>COMPLAINT FILE #:</b><br>M-2025-023   | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>NA                        | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Montrose  |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Illegal(Unpermitted Operation) | <b>WEATHER:</b><br>Clear   | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>May 2, 2025            | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>09:30 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Thomas Conrad                         | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Thomas Conrad   | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>NM - Not Mining |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Citizen Complaint        | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>None  | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>NA                    |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                           | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None  | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None           |                             |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Dustin Czapla                     | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>May 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.

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| (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>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>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>N</u>   | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>  |
| (ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>   | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</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 inspection was conducted by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) in response to a Citizen Complaint that was received on April 30, 2025. The complaint was submitted anonymously through the Division's website.

The complaint reported dump trucks hauling mined construction material from the site to another property within the same neighborhood. The complaint form is attached to this report.

The area of concern is located at the top of a hill above a residential neighborhood. The parcel includes approximately 25 acres of undeveloped land. There were assorted piles of various construction materials and debris located throughout the site. The construction material stockpiles are from offsite areas of unknown origin. The piles can be seen on Google Earth photos dating back to at least 2011. Google Earth photos are attached to this report. There was no excavation or pit observed on the property that could be the source of the construction material stockpiles. The stockpiles were there prior to the purchase of the property by the current owner.

The landowner stated that the property is currently under contract for sale, and that they were removing unwanted construction debris as part of a cleanup process prior to the sale.

As defined by C.R.S. 34-32.5-103 (12), "mining" means the extraction of construction materials, and C.R.S. 34-32.5-103 (13), a "mining operation" means the development or extraction of a construction material from its natural occurrences on affected land.

Because there has been no extraction of construction materials from their natural occurrences on the property, the activities occurring at the site appear to fall outside the purview of the Division.

The landowner was informed that although this activity lies outside the jurisdiction of the Division, he may need county approval for the hauling activities.

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 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393, [dustin.czapla@state.co.us](mailto:dustin.czapla@state.co.us).



View towards the south end of the property. Various piles of rock, dirt, wood slash and construction debris are located throughout the property.



View towards the north end of the property. Various piles of rock, dirt, wood slash and construction debris are located throughout the property.

**Inspection Contact Address**

Thomas Conrad  
59220 Lone Eagle Road  
Montrose, CO 81403

## DRMS Complaint Intake Tool

By Submitting this form you are requesting an investigation of compliance with DRMS rules.



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

### DRMS Internal Information

**Select Permit Type \***

Minerals

**Permit No List \***

M2025023

**Date of Complaint**

04/30/2025

### COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

**\* Indicates a Required Field**

**Do you wish to remain anonymous? \***

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Connection to Incident \***

Select all that apply

- ☒ Land Owner  
☒ Nearby Resident  
☐ Other

- ☐ Mineral Owner  
☒ Observed Incident

### DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: Please provide as much detail related to location and issue as possible. Without enough detail, DRMS will not be able to process or investigate the complaint and, therefore, DRMS will have no choice but to discard the complaint.

**Location of Concern \***

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the location. If available, please include Township, Range and Section, physical address, or GPS location. You may also upload a pdf map below.

Two side dump trucks full of mined, processed dirt observed leaving situs above 59220 Lone Eagle Road Montrose's 81403 and drove to 14447 5950 Rd Montrose's 81403, dumped, and returned for more. Counted two round trips each truck per hour beginning 730am on 4/30/25. No posted permit for mining.

**Incident County \***

Montrose County

**Is this an ongoing issue(s)?**

☒ Yes ☐ No



### Nature of Complaint \*

Select all that apply

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact             | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Plan Compliance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management / Dumping     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs and Markers                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Overburden / Development Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Warranty                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling and Grading        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion / Sedimentation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Damage                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Plan Compliance                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>     |

### Detailed description of the issue(s) \* (?)

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the issue(s).

Possible illegal mining.

### Have you contacted the operator or party conducting the operation? If yes, please provide details. \*

☐ Yes ☒ No

### If known, please provide the name of the operator or party conducting the operation.

Conrad estate.

### If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M-1970-111 or P-1970-111).

Must be entered in the following format: M1970111 or P1970111 (No dashes allowed)

### Have you contacted any other agencies or local governments related to this issue or issues? If so, please provide details. \*

☐ Yes ☒ No

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? \*

☒ Yes ☐ No

[View Attachments in WebLink](#)

*Attachments are accepted for informational purposes only. Action by DRMS requires a direct observation by DRMS staff.*

### What is your preferred method for DRMS to communicate with you throughout the investigation? \*

Select all that apply

☒ Phone ☐ E-mail ☐ US Mail



STATE OF  
COLORADO

Czapla - DNR, Dustin <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>

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## follow up to onsite inspection

1 message

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**Thomas Conrad** <tomconrad@pacbell.net>

Fri, May 2, 2025 at 10:04 AM

To: "dustin.czapla@state.co.us" <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>

Dustin,

Thank you for your visit today. This is a follow up email to your onsite inspection of our property at TBD Lone Eagle Rd.

As stated, our property is under contract for sale. We are clearing unwanted organic debris, irrigation piping, miscellaenous odds & ends, dirty soil and gravel piles. Our dumpster is full and will be removed at the beginning of the week. If you have and further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

**Thomas Conrad**

**510-304-3664**

59220 Lone Eagle Rd

Montrose CO 81403







2006-04-05

59220 Lone Eagle Rd

Google Earth

Image USDA/FPAC/GEO



700 ft



2011-08-18

59220 Lone Eagle Rd

Google Earth

Image USDA/FPAC/GEO

700 ft





2012-06-19

59220 Lone Eagle Rd





2014-06-03

59220 Lone Eagle Rd





2019-08-25

59220 Lone Eagle Rd





2023-05-27

59220 Lone Eagle Rd

Google Earth

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700 ft

