




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: Ashbaugh Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2005-060	MINERAL: Gravel, clay (general)	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: May 29, 2025	INSP. TIME: 12:30
OPERATOR: Weld County Public Works	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Nate Gibson	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Nikie Gagnon	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 2, 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>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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

The Ashbaugh Gravel Pit was inspected by Nikie Gagnon with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). This inspection was completed as part of a full/final acreage release request (SL2) submitted on June 2, 2025, in accordance with Rule 4.17.1. Nate Gibson, representing Weld County Public Works, accompanied the Division during the inspection. The site is located approximately one mile north of the intersection of Weld County Rd 80 and 115. A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the site, as required by Rule 3.1.12(1), and a barbed wire fence surrounds the permit area.

Weld County requests a full/final release of 139.60 acres. The post mining land use is rangeland. The parcel is owned by the Ashbaugh Family Farm LLC. Release notifications were mailed by the Division on June 2, 2025. No objections to the acreage reduction have been received.

Reclamation Success

According to the permit records, only 23 acres of the total 139-acre permit area were disturbed by mining activity. Mining at the site ended in July 2016. The County has been working on reclamation/revegetation for the past 9 years. The area is dry and native grasses take a few years to reestablish in this area. In 2019, the county applied to release the permit, however, the landowner expressed concerns about the revegetation. Subsequently, the County brought in additional topsoil and reseeded the patchy areas and the haul road and conducted weed control.

During this inspection, the Division observed native grasses reestablishing across the site. The pit and slopes are well vegetated. The revegetated haul road was observed to be less dense and vegetation is patchy; but the approved species are growing and filling in across the re-topsoiled areas. No noxious weeds were observed, however, kochia and other annual weeds were noted, primarily near the entrance to the site. The Division noted evidence of grazing and the landowner is utilizing the entrance to the area for agriculture operations. The Division determined the reclamation plan was followed and the vegetative cover is capable of regenerating and is consistent with the adjacent lands.

Based on observations made during this inspection, the reclamation work is complete. The request for an acreage release of 139.60 acres will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

A subset of the photographs taken during inspection are attached. Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Nikie Gagnon at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety via telephone at 720-527-1640, or email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking east across the mined pit area.



Photo 2: Looking north across the mined pit area.



Photo 3: Looking west towards the entrance to the pit. This area has been re-topsoiled and re-seeded. Some kochia here, but overall erosion is well controlled and the native grasses are establishing.



Photo 4: Looking north from the entrance. Evidence of grazing observed here.



Photo 5: mine sign observed at the entrance to the pit.

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Enclosure

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