




**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> Fiscus North	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2007-038	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand, gravel and clay	<b>COUNTY:</b> Weld
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 26, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Weld County Public Works	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Nate Gibson and Steve Raney	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<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> Nikie Gagnon	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> 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>Y</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>Y</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 Fiscus North gravel mine was inspected by Nikie Gagnon, representing the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), as part of the Division's normal monitoring inspection program. Nate Gibson and Steve Raney, representing Weld County, accompanied the Division during the inspection. The site is located 1 miles north of New Raymer. A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the site, as required by Rule 3.1.12(1), and posts mark the permit boundary.

### **Reclamation Success**

In 2018 and 2021, the Division released a total of 106.60 acres from the permit area leaving 9.10 acres within the former stockpile area. In 2021, the stockpile area and three haul roads leading to the ridgetop were not released due to lack of desired vegetation and an uncontrolled prairie dog colony. In 2024, the County topsoiled and reseeded 4.9 acres. Weld County requested this monitoring inspection to evaluate the revegetation of the remaining acres in the permit area.

During this inspection, the Division observed the stockpile area and the three haul road segments still in the permit area. Annual weeds are the primary species; however, native grasses are beginning to establish across the site. This is generally what is expected after seeding. The prairie dogs are now well controlled. and the site just needs more time for the native grasses to become the primary vegetation.

A few small patches of thistle and bindweed were noted, but noxious weeds are not widespread. Mr. Gibson stated that the County will conduct weed control following this inspection and he is meeting with a County revegetation specialist later in the day to discuss additional management practices that could be employed to promote the growth of the desired species across the stockpile area. The haul road segments had a few rills that need to be repaired, but otherwise the vegetation is filling in as expected in this dry environment.

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](mailto:nikie.gagnon@state.co.us).

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

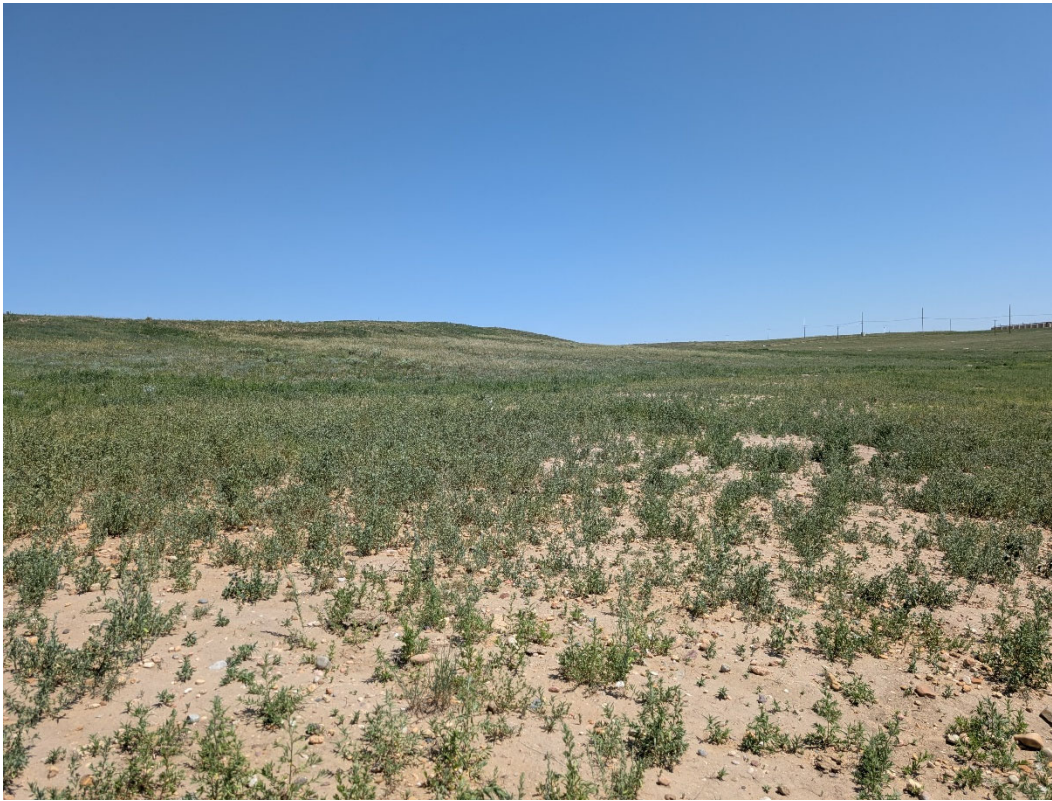


Photo 1: Looking northeast across the stockpile area from the entrance.



Photo 2: Looking north across the stockpile area. Kochia dominates this area.





Photos 5 & 6: Looking at the vegetation in the stockpile area. Some native grasses were observed here.







Photo 6: Small patch of thistle observed



Photo 7: Small patches of bindweed observed.





Photo 8: Looking at the western access road. T-posts mark the permit boundary along the roads (red arrow).



Photo 8: Looking at the eastern access road.





Photo 8: Erosion rills noted near the top of the eastern access road.



Figure 1: Google imagery showing the remaining segments in the permit area (purple boundary).



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