




**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> Blair Mesa Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1996-082	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel and borrow material	<b>COUNTY:</b> Rio Blanco
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 3, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jesse Farmer	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$114,211.72	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> DRMS	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy Yeldell	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 11, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>NA</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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>NA</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>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted in response to the request for full/final release (SL-1) submitted to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), and filed on June 26, 2025. Jesse Farmer represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection. The Blair Mesa Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 40 permitted acres. This site is located approximately 27 miles east of Rangely, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 64. The post mining land use is rangeland.

### **Acid And Toxic Materials:**

No fuel or other toxic materials were observed on site.

### **Backfilling and Grading:**

Aside from the remaining stockpiles all slopes have been graded to a 3H: 1V or less and are in compliance with Rules 3.1.5 and 6.4.5.

### **Financial Warranty:**

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$114,211.72 for this site.

### **Hydrologic Balance:**

No exposed groundwater was observed.

### **Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:**

Three stockpiles of processed material remain on site. Mr. Farmer indicated this was per the landowner's request for future use on the ranch. While acceptable this condition has not been added to the permit and therefore the site does not match with the approved Reclamation Plan. In the form of a technical revision please submit a revision to the Reclamation Plan which details the estimated volume, material type and location of any stockpiles to remain. Additionally, please include an updated Reclamation Plan Map which depicts the current site conditions (as-built map). Once this TR is processed the Division can issue a decision on the SL-1 request.

### **Roads:**

One dirt road remains to access the remaining stockpiles. This feature should also be depicted on the reclamation plan map.

### **Reclamation Success:**

Over all the site has been successfully reclaimed. All contouring naturally blends with the surrounding topography. A diverse and sustainable mix of vegetation has been established, which includes shrub establishment. Vegetation density is comparable to the surrounding undisturbed areas. There are some signs of grazing, but it does not appear to be restricting reclamation success. No noxious weeds were observed.

Once the stockpiles area added to the Reclamation Plan, the Division can approve the release request.

### **Support Facilities On-site:**

All structures and mining-related equipment has been removed from the site.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Rm 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver Co 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-210-1272 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**







Photo 2: Remaining stockpile



Photo 3: Reclaimed lands

