




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: Three Crown Ranch Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2000-073	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety-Related Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 9, 2025	INSP. TIME: 09:00
OPERATOR: Three Crown Ranch, LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: John Strate	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Priority	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$9,172.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 22, 2025	

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following inspection topic(s) were identified as having a **Problem (PB)**, which includes correction actions and a deadline whereby the Operator must demonstrate compliance with the conditions of the Permit and the requirements of the Act and Rules. Failure to address the corrective actions by the deadline may cause the Division to escalate the Problem to a **Possible Violation (PV)** and schedule the issue for formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board).

(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>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</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>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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**

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM: The mine identification sign posted at the entrance of the mine site was incorrect. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 9/30/25

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted in response to the succession of operator request that was approved on January 23, 2025. Given the area of the mine site the inspection was delayed until summer conditions. The inspection was conducted by Amy Yeldell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The Three Crown Ranch Gravel Pit (previously known as Shults Gravel Pit) is a 110c permitted site that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The site is located twelve mile west of Meeker, Colorado and is accessed from County Road 127. John Strate represented Three Crown Ranch LLC (successive operator).

Acid And Toxic Materials:

No fuel or other hazardous debris was observed on site.

Financial Warranty:

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$9,172.00 for this site. As part of the permit transfer process the Division will ensure the Financial Warranty adequately reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan. The Division will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

Hydrologic Balance:

No exposed groundwater or surface water flows were observed at this site.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

The pit was active at the time of inspection. Previously excavated material was being haul from the stockpiles using a loader and transported to other areas within the ranch to support construction projects. At the time of the inspection no material was leaving the Operators property.

The pit is mostly mined out. Remaining stockpiles are neatly stored according to size class with little to no signs of erosion. Only the perimeter highwall remains. The pit is generally excavated 4 to 15 feet below grade at a sloped to a 2H: 1V. There are two excavation areas bisected by a small ravine. The western site is the main pit with stockpiled material and where processing occurred. The eastern pit is a small bowl approximately 100 by 200 feet. There appears to be no new disturbances from the previous inspection.

Other:

The Division briefly discussed with Mr. Strate how permitting with the Division works and general compliance requirements. As a reminder please ensure that any other permits associated with mining operator also get transferred if not already completed.

Reclamation Success:

Upon final reclamation the pit floor will remain stabilized with gravel for future agricultural use and only the slopes will be revegetated. No final reclamation has been completed to date.

Revegetation:

Weeds appeared to be well managed.

Support Facilities On-site:

No buildings or processing equipment is located on site.

Signs and Markers:

A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the mine site as required by Rule 3.1.12(1). The information depicted was incorrect/ out of date. This is cited as an inspection problem. Please provide the Division with photo documentation that an updated sign with the current Operators information and site name has been posted at the entrance to the mine. The permit boundary of the affected land was clearly delineated pursuant to Rule 3.1.12(2).

Topsoil:

Topsoil is stockpiled on the south side of the main pit above the highwall.
Seven photos are included with this report.

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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