




**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> Dellacroce Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1993-050	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> El Paso
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 21, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Raymond F. & Robert W. Dellacroce	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Dr. Angela Bellantoni	<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> \$37,112.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Hunter Ridley	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 24, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>Y</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 Dellacroce Pit was inspected by Hunter Ridley with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) in response to Surety Release Request 1 (SL1) submitted to the Division on July 1, 2025. The required notices were sent out on July 1, 2025. To-date, no objections to the release have been received. Dellacroce Pit is 112c site permitted for 130.99 acres. Dr. Angela Bellantoni and Mr. Darrin Stapley were present during the inspection and represented Pioneer Sand Co., the mining company. Mr. BJ Hybl was also present at the inspection and represented the permittee and property owners Raymond and Robert Dellacroce. With this full and final release request, Mr. Hybl also submitted, on behalf of the permittee, a letter stating their satisfaction with the condition of the property in final reclamation. A copy of this signed letter is attached with this report. The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 29, 2023. The approved post mining land use at the site is rangeland.

**Availability of Records:** Annual reports are current, having been filed through February 2025. There are no open infractions related to previous inspections.

**Acid And Toxic Materials:** No acid or toxic materials are involved in this operation.

**Backfilling and Grading:** Site grading remains complete as observed at the Division's last inspection in 2023 and conforms to the Division's backfilling and grading requirements outlined in Rule 3 of the Construction Materials Rules and Regulations and outlined in the permit's approved Reclamation Plan (Photos 5 and 8). Slopes appeared to be 3H:1V or gentler throughout the site. No leftover overburden or topsoil piles were observed on site.

Two Surety Reductions (SR1 & SR2) were approved in 2022 and 2023 for grading and topsoiling of acreage in the lower mining area (Photo 3).

**Financial Warranty:** The Division holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$37,112.00. This amount will be subject to release back to the Operator with the approval of SL1.

**Fish and Wildlife:** No negative impacts to wildlife were observed. Signs of wildlife activity were present throughout the site, e.g. animal tracks and manure. The Operator also referenced the presence of several coyotes in previous months, and two small foxes or coyotes were spotted at the site entrance.

**Hydrologic Balance:** Two sediment ponds, one in the northwest corner (Photo 4) and one in the southeast corner are approved to remain in place at the site. The upper pond was constructed to help prevent erosion of the regraded area between the upper mine area and the lower/east mine area. The slopes of these ponds have been seeded and graded to allow stormwater to infiltrate back into the natural flow of groundwater. The area had experienced heavy rainfall in the recent weeks, so a small amount of stormwater was observed in the upper pond. The lower pond, however, was dry. No exposed groundwater was observed onsite.

**Roads:** The non-paved dirt access road through the site was approved to remain under TR1. This road showed signs of regrading and overall upkeep done by the landowner. The access road did not appear to be a source of sediment that could be tracked offsite.

**Reclamation Success:** Revegetation efforts across the site took the form of hydro mulching, drill seeding, and or laying of erosion control blankets. Seeding efforts occurred in both 2022 and 2023. The SR1 and SR2 acreage areas were observed to have full and mature vegetation, made up of predominantly native and desirable

vegetation such as wheatgrasses, bromes, sunflowers, alfalfa and clover (Photo 3). All other areas of the site showed significant growth of bunch grass species, including more than two types of wheatgrasses (Photos 5, 6, and 9). Forb species such as alfalfa, sweet clover, and small woody shrubs were also observed to be established across the reclaimed site.

Some weed species were present on site, but the ratio of native and desirable species to weeds was such that the Division has determined that as native vegetation continues to mature, these weedy species will not be maintained across the majority of the site. No large patches of one particular weed species were observed, suggesting that native vegetation was already successfully outcompeting weedy species.

**Sediment Control:** This site has struggled with erosional features in the past, especially on the main, east facing slope between the upper and lower mine areas. However, significant work has been done to prevent erosion and sedimentation while this hillside revegetates. For example, erosion control rock check dams have been put in place along the troublesome slope and erosion control matting was also installed (Photo 2). These interventions appeared to have been successful, as this slope did not exhibit any signs of erosion and vegetation was successfully establishing across the entirety of the slope.

Minor erosion rills were present near the upper sediment pond area; however, these did not appear to be affecting the integrity of the slope nor were they contributing to offsite sediment deposition (Photo 4). Therefore, the Division is not concerned with the presence of these minor features and no BMPs were determined to be needed at the time of the inspection.

**Signs and Markers:** The permit sign was posted at the access road entrance (Photo 1). The affected area boundary had been marked using the perimeter visual berms, which have since been regraded (Photos 7 and 8). No accessory markers (e.g., t-posts) require removal for final release. However, the sign will be removed following final release.

**Permit Stipulations:** There are no permit stipulations.

Based on observations from this inspection, the Division is satisfied with the status of the vegetative cover onsite and believes that the reclamation implemented at the site meets the requirements of Rule 3.1. The Division will **approve** the full and final release of Permit M-1993-050, Dellacroce Pit. Notice of approval will be sent as separate correspondence.

Photographs taken during the inspection have been included below. Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Hunter Ridley at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 720-868-7757 or via email at [hunter.ridley@state.co.us](mailto:hunter.ridley@state.co.us)

## PHOTOGRAPHS



**Photo 1: Permit sign posted at the site entrance.**





**Photo 2: View north of the reclaimed slope between the upper and lower mine areas, rock check dams are in place.**



**Photo 3: View east of the lower mine site acreage.**





**Photo 4: View of the upper sediment pond.**



**Photo 5: View north of regraded and reseeded hillslopes in the upper mine area.**





**Photo 6: Example of mature and native vegetation present across the reclaimed site.**



**Photo 7: View south of the regraded perimeter berm and the southern half of the upper mine area.**





**Photo 8: View north of the regraded perimeter berm and revegetated upper mine slopes.**



**Photo 9: View across the southwestern corner of the upper mine area.**



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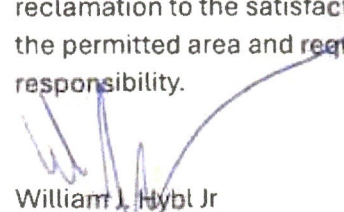


RE: Permit No. M-1993-050 Dellacroce Gravel Pit  
Property Owner Requests Release

To Whom It May Concern;

Please accept this letter as notification that Dellacroce Ranch LLC (Dellacroce) requests the release of the above-mentioned 112 Permit.

Pioneer Sand Co. (Pioneer), the operator of the mine and lessee, has completed all reclamation to the satisfaction of Dellacroce. Dellacroce accepts the condition of the permitted area and requests that Pioneer be released from further reclamation responsibility.

  
William J. Hybl Jr

President & COO  
Interim Manager Dellacroce Ranch, LLC