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## C1983059, Terror Creek Loadout, July Inspection Report

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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1983-059 <b>Mine Name:</b> Terror Creek Loadout <b>Operator:</b> Oxbow Mining, LLC <b>Operator Address:</b> Mr Doug Smith PO Box 535 Paonia, CO 81434	<b>County:</b> Delta <b>Operation Type:</b> Loadout <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  N/A
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> July 25, 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 12:45 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> <b>Inspection End Time:</b>	<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Leigh Simmons	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <b>Signature Date:</b>  August 1, 2025

**Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| N - Air Resource Protection        | N - Roads                          |
| N - Availability of Records        | N - Reclamation Success            |
| N - Backfill & Grading             | N - Revegetation                   |
| N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste    | N - Subsidence                     |
| N - Explosives                     | N - Slides and Other Damage        |
| N - Fish & Wildlife                | N - Support Facilities On-site     |
| N - Hydrologic Balance             | N - Signs and Markers              |
| R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan | N - Support Facilities Not On-site |
| N - Other                          | N - Special Categories Of Mining   |
| N - Processing Waste               | N - Topsoil                        |

**COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection by Leigh Simmons of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The weather was clear and dry. The gate to the site was secure. There was no mining-related activity at the site, but part of the site was being used for the storage of equipment and materials for other industrial and commercial activities.

**GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

There was no activity on the lower pad. The temporary building was empty of materials. It had recently been swept out and had been left open. On the upper pad, the tenants continued to use the site to store equipment (mainly vehicles) and conduct maintenance. They had continued to irrigate the slope below the upper pad and had recently mown it for hay.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

N/A

**OTHER (SPECIFY)**

N/A

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 1

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



*Figure 1: Site access secure*



*Figure 2: Equipment on upper pad*

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Figure 3: More equipment on upper pad



Figure 4: Irrigation on slope below upper pad

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Figure 5: Office building, with cut hay in foreground



Figure 6: Temporary building on lower pad

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*Figure 7: Eastern end of lower pad*

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