




**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> Stirrup Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1990-138	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Fremont
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 17, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:45
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Fremont County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mr. Scott Hileman	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<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> Jocelyn Carter	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> August 7, 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>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</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>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</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 Stirrup Pit, Permit No. M-1990-138, was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, on behalf of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). The permittee is Fremont County and Mr. Scott Hileman was present for the inspection representing Fremont County. The visit was conducted as a routine monitoring inspection. The weather conditions at the time of the inspection were partially overcast with warm temperatures.

The Stirrup Pit is located approximately 17.5 miles north of the town of Texas Creek in Fremont County; near the intersection of Fremont County Road 2 (CR 2) and County Road 2a (CR 2a). The entrance to the site is on the west side of CR2a; CR 2a cuts across the northeast corner of the permitted area. The permit covers 9.61 acres and is for the extraction of gravel by surface mining for the purpose of maintaining county roads in the area. There is a pre-law mining pit that is within the permit area but is not disturbed by this operation, see Photo #8.

At the time of the inspection, mining activity was not occurring. There was a stockpile of material ready to be loaded, see Photo #6, however, there was no equipment on site at the time of the inspection. The operation does have intermittent status and according to Mr. Hileman, material has been removed from the site within the last year.

### **Records**

The landownership and minerals are both owned by the State of Colorado. There are no open enforcement or minor infraction issues for this permit. The permittee is up to date on submitting annual reports, maps, and fees.

### **Hydrological Balance**

There was a small amount of standing water on the pit, this is attributed to recent precipitation events in the area. The operation does not expose groundwater and does not import water for mining. There did not appear to be an issue with the hydrologic balance in the area.

### **General Mine Plan Compliance**

The operation is following the approved mining plan.

### **Signs and Markers**

The mine sign is posted with accurate information in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1), see Photo #1. The boundary markers were verified during the time of the inspection, see Photos #2, #3, and #4. An inspection map is included with this report, see Figure #1, showing where the markers were observed and a subsequent permit boundary based on the locations of the markers.

### **Overburden/Developed Waste**

Overburden and topsoil are stockpiled as a berm surrounding the gravel pit. The berm appears to be stable with well vegetated slopes, see Photos #4, and #5.

### **Acid or Toxic Materials**

There are no acid forming or toxic materials associated with this operation. Fuel and other maintenance fluids are not kept on site.

### **Financial Warranty**

Per Rule 4.1(1), a financial warranty is not held for this permit.

### **Fish & Wildlife**

There did not appear to be an issue with wildlife in the permitted area or in the vicinity.

### **Stormwater Management Plan**

The cut in the overburden and topsoil berm surrounding the pit appeared to be in good condition and effective at draining stormwater from the pit, see Photo #7.

### **Off-site Damage**

Disturbances associated with this mining operation are within the approved permitted area.

### **Roads**

The access road is relatively short, about 85 feet in length, but is in good condition and does not appear to be eroding. The section of CR 2a that is within the permit area was stable and well maintained with no apparent issue with erosion or sedimentation along the road, see Photo #2.

### **Topsoil**

The topsoil material is stockpiled as a berm surrounding the gravel pit, see Photos #4 and #5. The berm slopes appear to be stable and well vegetated. The amount of topsoil available on site appears to be adequate for reclamation tasks as well.

### **Revegetation**

There did not appear to be noxious weeds on the disturbed areas of the site.

Photos taken during the inspection are provided below. Questions regarding this inspection report should be directed to me by email at [Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us](mailto:Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us) or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo #1: Mine sign posted at the pit entrance and CR 2a.



Photo #2: Permit boundary marker #1 on map below, looking southwest. The section of CR 2a within the permitted area can be seen.



Photo #3: Permit boundary marker #2 on map below, looking west.



Photo #4: Permit boundary marker #5 on map below, looking to the northwest. The overburden and topsoil berm can be seen in the background.



Photo #5: View along the top of the overburden and topsoil berm along the northern boundary of the pit, looking west.



Photo #6: Stockpile of product material located on the north side of the pit near the entrance.



Photo #7: View of the stormwater drainage cut in the berm, on the west side of the pit area, looking east.



Photo #8: Per-law mining pit located between the southern boundary of the pit and the southern permit boundary.



Figure #1: Map created based on inspection observations, the purple permit boundary was created based on the coordinates collected during the inspection for each of the permit boundary markers.

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