




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: Quagmire Creek	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1990-047	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Fremont
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: July 17, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:45
OPERATOR: Fremont County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Scott Hileman	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Jocelyn Carter	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: 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>NA</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>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>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</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

OBSERVATIONS

Quagmire Creek, Permit No. M-1990-047, 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.

Quagmire Creek is located on the west side of County Road 12 (CR 12), approximately 12 miles north from the town of Cotopaxi in Fremont County. The permit type is a 110c, covering 6.4 acres, for the removal of gravel for the use of road maintenance by surface mining. The site is in final reclamation and the approved post-mining land use is wildlife habitat. The operator is regularly working with BLM to get the site to an adequate state of reclamation.

Records

The landownership and minerals are both federally owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). 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. The site was last inspected by DRMS and BLM on April 20, 2022.

Hydrological Balance

There did not appear to be an issue with the hydrologic balance in the area.

Signs and Markers

The mine sign is posted with accurate information in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1), see Photo #1.

Fish & Wildlife

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

Revegetation

Common mullein, a List C noxious weed, was observed on the slopes of the regraded and contoured highwall. Mr. Hileman stated that he would be removing the common mullein within two weeks from the date of the inspection.

Reclamation Success

The regraded high wall has been contoured and furrowed, as stated in the previous inspection report. There is no evidence of erosion occurring on the slope. The vegetation is still slow to take to the slope, and it appears that the observed common mullein has had the most success establishing itself on the sloped area. There are a few small saplings that have become established on the slopes, but the upper, steeper portions of the contoured slope show to have the least amount of vegetation.

The reclaimed pit floor shows to have a better revegetation success with respect to frequency and diversity of species. There are still a few areas with sparse vegetation on the pit floor in the southern area. However, the regrowth of pine trees also shows to be more successful in the same areas.

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 or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo #1: Mine sign posted in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1).



Photo #2: From the southern portion of the old pit, looking north. The pit floor can be seen with the contoured old high wall in the background.



Photo #3: View of the southern portion of the permit area, looking south.



Photo #4: View of the contoured high wall, saplings can be seen with some common mullein in the background.

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