




**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> Indian Springs Park Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2001-087	<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> 10:20
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Fremont County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mr. Scott Hileman	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<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 8, 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>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</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>N</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 Indian Springs Park Pit, Permit No. M-2001-087, 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 Indian Springs Park Pit is located off Gluch Road, approximately 7 miles southeast of Texas Creek in Fremont County. It is a 112c permit type with 20.0 acres of permitted land and approximately 8.25 acres have been disturbed by the operation. Gravel is extracted and used to maintain county roads by surface mining.

At the time of the inspection, mining activity was not occurring. There was a culvert and a portable structure on site at the time of the inspection. There were several stockpiles of material on site, on the pit floor near the pit entrance. There was some disturbance on the northeast portion of the permit area from testing done by the operator. The most recent extraction area is moving towards the northwest, and on the southeastern portion of the disturbed area has been backfilled, graded, and seeded.

### **Records**

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

### **Hydrological Balance**

There was some standing water observed on the pit floor due to recent precipitation events in the area. There did not appear to be a negative impact on the hydrologic balance to the area.

### **General Mine Plan Compliance**

The operation appears to be following the approved mining plan.

### **Signs and Markers**

The required mine sign is posted at the entrance of the permitted area and is accurate according to the requirements of Rule 3.1.12(1). Boundary markers are placed at the corners of the permit, marked with white PVC tubing.

### **Overburden/Developed Waste**

There is a berm of overburden along the northeast section of the active mining area. The slopes are stable and well vegetated.

### **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.

### **Backfill & Grading**

Areas that have been backfilled and graded appear to be sloped to the appropriate reclaimed slope of approximately 4H:1V. The slopes are stable and there did not appear to be erosion occurring.

### **Fish & Wildlife**

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

### **Stormwater Management Plan**

There are breaks in the surrounding berms around the active mining area for stormwater drainage. The breaks appear to be stable and effective.

### **Erosion/Sedimentation**

There was no erosion or sedimentation issue observed on the permitted area.

### **Off-site Damage**

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

### **Roads**

The roads appear to be stable and in good condition.

### **Topsoil**

The topsoil is stockpiled on the south portion of the active mining area. It is segregated from mining activity and is stable with well vegetated slopes. The topsoil is also labeled and does not appear to have been disturbed.

### **Revegetation**

Common mullein, a List C noxious weed, was observed in some areas of the permitted area. Mr. Hileman stated that he would be removing the common mullein within two weeks from the date of the inspection.

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 entrance of the permitted area.



Photo #2: Example of a permit boundary marker set at the corners of the permitted area.



Photo #3: View of the access road from Gulch Road.



Photo #4: Stockpile of product material located on the pit floor.



Photo #5: View of the current mining area from the pit floor.



Photo #6: Areas that have been backfilled, graded, and seeded in the southeastern area of the permitted area.



Photo #7: View of the current mining area with the topsoil stockpile along the back with the stormwater break in the berm and the topsoil sign visible. The stockpile of product material can be seen in the background on the left side of the picture.



Photo #8: The culverts and the trailer structure observed near the pit entrance on the south side of the permit area.

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