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Williams Fork Mines, C-1981-044, Partial Inspection 8/28/2025

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Hi Miranda,

Please see the attached inspection report from last week's site inspection.

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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-044 Mine Name: Williams Fork Mines Operator: Moffat County Mining, LLC Operator Address: Mrs. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road #27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Moffat Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Miranda Kawcak
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: August 28, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 06:50 Inspection End Date: Inspection End Time:		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Foggy	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: None	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: None	
Inspector(s): Jared Ebert	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: 9/4/2025		

Inspection Topic Summary

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

R - Backfill & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

Y - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

NA - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

NA - Other

R - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

N - Reclamation Success

R - Revegetation

NA - Subsidence

Y - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

R - Signs and Markers

NA - Support Facilities Not On-site

NA - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a partial inspection of the Williams Fork Mines, permit number C-1981-044. I, Jared Ebert with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS or Division) conducted the inspection. Mrs. Miranda Kawcak accompanied me during the inspection.

Maintenance items are noted in bold text.

BACKFILL and GRADING – Rule 4.14

Contemporaneous Reclamation 4.14.1; Approximate Original Contour 4.14.2; Highwall Elimination 4.14.1(2)(f); Steep Slopes 4.14.2, 4.27; Handling of Acid and Toxic Materials 4.14.3; Stabilization of Rills and Gullies 4.14.6:

The #5A Portal Area was observed. The slope above impoundment 5A-P1 has a few rills beginning to form where the vegetation is not well established. SPL will need to monitor this area and conduct repairs if necessary. It should be noted there had been significant rainfall in the area prior to the inspection.

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Figure 1. Slope above pond 5A-P1. Rills observed.

HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

Impoundment 9-P8 was observed. The pond was dry. The primary and emergency spillway was clear and functional. The pond embankment is stable and vegetated.

Impoundment 9-P6 was observed. The pond was dry. The primary spillway was closed but appeared functional.

Impoundment 9-P1 was observed. The pond was dry. **The embankment was stable, but a large patch of knapweed was observed on the interior pond slopes. SPL will need to treat this area with a appropriate herbicide.**

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Figure 2. Impoundment 9-P1. Knapweed observed on interior pond slopes.

Impoundment 9-P4 was observed. The pond was dry. The primary spillway was closed but appeared functional.

Impoundment 5A-P1 was observed. The pond was dry. The primary spillway was closed but appeared functional.

PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11

Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

The coal refuse disposal area was observed. This area was stable and vegetated. **A patch of knapweed was observed near the northeast end of the pile (see the figure below for the location of the knapweed patch). This area will need to be treated with an appropriate herbicide.**

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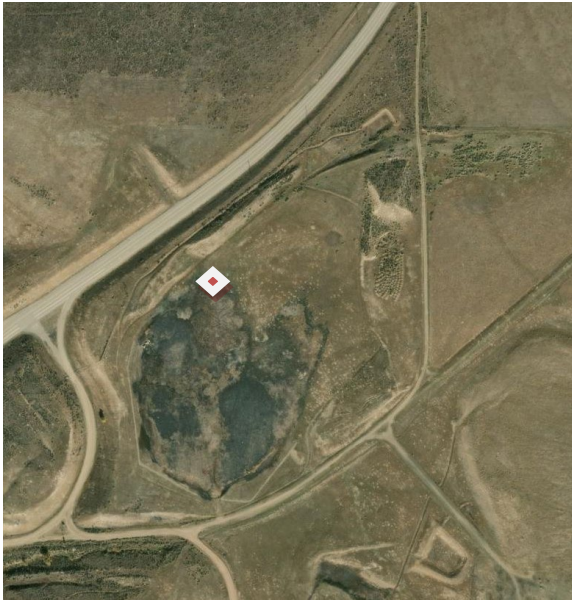


Figure 3. Knapweed patch location



Figure 4. Knapweed patch on Coal Refuse Area.

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Figure 5. Coal Refuse Pile from southwest end looking northeast.

The No. 9 Portal refuse area was observed. This area was stable and vegetated.



Figure 6. No. 9 Portal Area

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

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The former facilities area on the west side of the Williams Fork River was observed. The reclamation of this area appears to be progressing well, and the area is actively being utilized to produce hay. Equipment was observed onsite to facilitate the hay operation, and a stack of hay bales was observed.



Figure 7. Bottom area - reclaimed facilities area being used for hay production.



Figure 8. Hay bales covered with tarp, stored on bottomland area where former facilities used to be located.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

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The mine identification sign was observed at the entrance to the east side of the site from Highway 13 adjacent to the refuse pile. The DRMS permit number was faded and nearly unreadable. SPL will need to repair the sign so that the DRMS permit number is legible.



Figure 9. Mine entrance sign with faded DRMS permit number.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED - NA

OTHER (SPECIFY) - NA

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

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