




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: WCR 40 Dirt Mine	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2021-030	MINERAL: Overburden	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 21, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Hunt Farms	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: David Hunt and Andy Rodriguez	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$325,500.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Nikie Gagnon	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 15, 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>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</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 WCR 40 Dirt Mine was inspected by Nikie Gagnon with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. David Hunt (Operator), and Andy Rodriguez, representing Civil Resources, accompanied the Division during the inspection. The mine site is located on Weld County Road 40 (WCR 40), just southeast of Gilcrest.

Availability Of Records:

The annual report, map and fee are paid through January 31, 2026. The recent report and map meets the requirements of C.R.S. 34-32-5-116.

General Compliance with Mine Plan

The approved mine plan allows for the stripping of topsoil and overburden for use in oil and gas reclamation projects. The depth of mining is 2-feet below existing grade and ties into the existing grade around the perimeter of the mining area. There is a 100-foot buffer around the excavation that will not be mined. Mining was completed in 2024. A few stockpiles of material remain on the west and east sides of the mined area.

Reclamation Success:

Mining of topsoil and overburden is complete and the site is in reclamation. Approximately 40 acres on the west side have been reclaimed. The west area was planted in triticale, a wheat/rye hybrid, in the fall of 2024. The Division observed the crop has been cut and the operator plans to disc the biomass back into the soil to improve the soil by adding organic matter back in. Approximately 60 acres on the east side of the site was mined in 2024. The east side was recently graded and the northeast portion has been topsoiled. The operator stated he will plant a winter crop across the entire mine site in late August 2025. The operator owns an adjacent stockyard. Stockpiles of manure were observed near the entrance to the site. A portion of the stripped topsoil was salvaged during mining to be used for reclamation. The topsoil is mixed with the manure for an enriched growth medium. The operator is in the process of spreading the mixture across the mined areas on the east side. The Division observed piles of the enriched topsoil in the northeast corner of the permit area.

Roads:

A haul road was observed running north/south between the two pastures. The reclamation plan calls for leaving the road following reclamation. During the inspection, the operator stated that they will reduce the width of the road and grade it for future agricultural use.

Signs and Markers:

A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the site in compliance with Rule 3.1.12(1). The affected area is marked with green t-posts.

Financial Warranty:

The Division currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$325,500.00. The Division reviewed the bond estimate based on the remaining reclamation liability and determined the bond is adequate to complete reclamation of the site.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report. A subset of photographs that were taken during the time of the inspection are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions on this report, please contact me by email at Nikie Gagnon or by telephone at (720) 527-1640.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking across the agriculture field on the western side of the permit area. Cut triticale will be disced into the soil.



Photo 2: Close up view of the triticale plants in the center of the site.



Photo 3: Looking northwest at the regraded and planted field in the southwest portion of the mining area.



Photo 4: Graded and topsoiled area in the southeast portion of the permit area.



Photo 5: Standing along the southern boundary looking west. The site is graded to tie into the existing contours along the southern boundary.



Photo 6: Topsoil and manure mixture used for reclamation observed in the northeast corner of the site.



Photo 7: Haul road down that runs north south between the two fields.

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