



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: Phil Sheridan Lode	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1988-081	MINERAL: Gold and silver	COUNTY: Boulder
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: August 27, 2025	INSP. TIME: 12:15
OPERATOR: Harry Covey	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Janice Wheeler	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(1) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$6,100.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 16, 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>Y</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 Phil Sheridan Lode was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a surety release request (full/final release request), submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on August 18, 2025. The original submission was missing the name, address and phone number of the landowner. The missing information was provided on August 20th and notices were sent on August 22nd. The site was previously inspected by the Division on October 19, 2023, at the request of the Operator. Janice Wheeler the representative of the Harry Covey Estate, Permittee/Operator, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was cloudy with scattered light rain.

The site is located approximately 6 miles west of Boulder, CO in Boulder County. The site can be accessed by turning north off Sunshine Canyon Road onto Co Rd 83, then turning west onto a private residential road. The permit boundary is delineated with wooden stakes and a barbed wire fence. The permit area is 1.94 acres of the larger 4.79 acres Phil Sheridan Lode parcel.

During the inspection in 2023 the Division discussed what was needed to move the permit towards release. At that time, it was agreed that the highwall along the northern border of where the headframe and the winch house was located needed to have erosion control measures installed to mitigate rilling and erosion of the highwall and additional seeding of the area adjacent to the highwall. Since that time the Operator has installed a drainage swale to direct surface runoff away from the highwall and revegetated the area. The vegetation is becoming established and is a mixture of Mullein and native vegetation. The swale appears to be functioning as intended and erosion has significantly decreased. The other areas of the permitted area have a well-established native vegetation cover.

After the inspection and at the request of the landowner from comments received during the public comment period, the Operator returned to the site to determine what, if anything, remained in the detonator and powder storage sheds. The sheds were verified to be empty. The sheds are to remain after reclamation at the site has been completed.

Based on observations made during this inspection the Division will approve full and final release of permit.

Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg by email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding this report.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Typical vegetation establishment of most of the permitted area



Photo 2: Looking SW across the permit area towards the detonator shed (upper right corner of picture)



Photo 3: Powder storage shed verified as being empty



Photo 4: Detonator storage shed verified as being empty, note vegetation cover



Photo 5: Looking SE across the permit area from near the detonator shed



Photo 6: Looking NE across the permit area from near the detonator shed



Photo 7: Looking NE across the area that was recently revegetated and had a swale installed



Photo 8: Area where the winch house and headframe were located



Photo 9: Reclaimed access road



Photo 10: Area where the winch house and headframe were located