



**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Gunnison River Gravel Pits | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-2009-048                                                                         | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Sand and gravel                                 | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Mesa      |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Monitoring           | <b>WEATHER:</b><br>Clear                                                                                           | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>October 1, 2025                              | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>09:00 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>CW Construction, LLC        | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Tim Loncarich                                                                   | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>112c - Construction Regular Operation |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>High Priority  | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>None                                                                              | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$91,664.00                                 |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                 | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None                                                                                | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                                 |                             |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Amy Yeldell             | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>October 6, 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.

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| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</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>NA</u>     |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</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>NA</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>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**

This inspection was conducted in response to the request by the Operator to provide feedback on Pit 1. Amy Yeldell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. Tim Loncarich represented the operator.

The Gunnison River Gravel Pits is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 15.68 acres after the approval of AR-2 earlier in 2025. The post mining land use is rangeland with lakes. Only Pit 1 was inspected.

### **Backfilling and Grading:**

All backfilling and grading at Pit 1 was completed a number of years ago under a different operator. All slopes appear to be graded to a 3H:1V or less.

### **Explosives:**

Explosives were not used in conjunction with this mining operation.

### **Other:**

Improvements and development have occurred to the areas adjacent to the affected lands and in some cases have occurred within the permit boundary. These improvements include but are not installation of boat dock, and graveled path/road. Please note that prior to releasing the approved Reclamation Plan Maps must match current site conditions. The operator and landowner are encouraged to work together throughout this process.

All mining related equipment, buildings, etc. have been removed from the site.

### **Reclamation Success:**

See revegetation comments

### **Revegetation:**

Pit 1 was revegetated a number of years ago with limited success. Areas adjacent to the water have established riparian species. Above the water line minimal desirable vegetation was observed. Little to no additional desirable vegetation germinated over the growing season. Upland species consist of primarily salt brush and Kochia (weed). Additional follow-up seeding of the dryland areas will be required given the lack of progress over the years. Prior to seeding the operator is encouraged to remove all non-desirable species to avoid mixing into the seed bed or preventing seed to soil contact during hydro seeding.

Additionally, a fair amount of Tamarisk was observed. This site is the sink not the source. However, the Operator must make a reasonable effort to control noxious weeds on the affected lands. Please remove all Tamarisk from the affected lands and treat with an herbicide to prevent recurrence. Treatment of other undesirable species should also occur to help improve reclamation spices.

Vegetation is to be dry rangeland. Irrigation was not considered during the permitting process and use of such is discouraged. If water is applied, the Division will still have to wait 2 growing seasons after irrigation ceases to ensure vegetation can survive without ongoing maintenance. Given the aridity of this area, establishment of desirable species will take a number of years to reach adequate density and diversity. The Division will not consider reclamation until after a minimum of 2 growing seasons, however 5 or more years depending on progress is also not uncommon in this area.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Rm 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver CO 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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