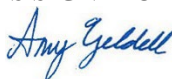




MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME: East Douglas Creek Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1998-054	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: October 22, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:05
OPERATOR: Rio Blanco County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Clint Chappell	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 22, 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>NA</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>N</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>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The East Douglas Creek Gravel Pit is a 112c permitted site that consists of 15.29 acres. The site is located in Rio Blanco County 19 miles south of Rangely Colorado. The pit is on property owned by the Bureau of Land Management; no representative was present for the inspection. Clint Chappell represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection.

Acid And Toxic Materials:

No fuel or other hazardous materials were stored on site.

Backfilling and Grading:

The northwestern portion of the permit is the active highwall. It is approximately 100 feet tall, 200 feet wide and sloped at a 1H: 1V. To the right or south of the vertical highwall is a slope that's been dozed down and used to access the top of the highwall. This area will require additional grading in order to reduce the grade as backfill is not feasible. The county is still considering an amendment to increase this permit acreage along the western side.

The southern portion of the permit area has been completely reclaimed.

Explosives:

This operation is not approved for the use of explosives in conjunction with mining. No explosives or evidence of use on site were observed. If this type of activity becomes necessary for mining the Mining Plan must first be revised.

Financial Warranty:

No financial warranty is held for this site as it is operated by Rio Blanco County, per Rule 4.1.2(2) and C.R.S. 34-32.5-117 (3)(f)(VIII).

Hydrologic Balance:

No exposed groundwater was observed. No water is used to process material at this site.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

The rock wall is excavated using a jackhammer attachment. If the operator in the future needs to use explosives the Mining Plan must first be revised. Only crushing and screening operations take place. No washing or further processing of materials (asphalt or cement).

One main stockpile of process material was located on site. It is approximately 15 feet tall and appears stable. It has been a number of years since the material was crushed. Given the stockpile size future crushing is not anticipated in the near future.

Off-site Damage:

No off site damage or disturbances were identified.

Other:

No washing of material occurs at this location.

Reclamation Success:

No areas were evaluated for final reclamation release during this inspection.

Revegetation:

The southern permit area has been reclaimed. All slopes have been regraded. Some shrubs such as rabbit brush and sage have volunteered. Vegetation primarily consists of Kochia and annual sunflowers. Progress towards establishment of desirable species should be monitored, additional seeding may be necessary. Noxious weeds should be selectively sprayed or mowed to avoid harming any new desirable vegetation. A small parking area remains adjacent to the utility pole remains.

Sediment Control:

No significant signs of erosion or sedimentation were observed. The pit has two sediment ponds along the north side to direct run-on through the side and manage run-off. All ponds appeared to be functional and no discharges were observe.

Support Facilities On-site:

No fuel, buildings or equipment were located within the permit.

Signs and Markers:

A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the mine site as required by Rule 3.1.12(1). The information depicted was correct/ up to date and the sign was of sufficient size. The permit boundary of the affected land was clearly delineated primarily by a wire fence pursuant to Rule 3.1.12(2).

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

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