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Huerfano County Noxious Weed Manager, TC1 comment, WSG-Hribar M-2007-027

1 message

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Wed, Nov 5, 2025 at 11:37 AM

To: Beverly Fodor <w.sand.gravel@gmail.com>

Cc: Gary <vzzn@aol.com>

Good morning,

Please see the attached comment/inspection from the Huerfano County Noxious Weed Manager conducted in response to the TC1 notification.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Amber M. Gibson
Environmental Protection Specialist II



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WSG-Hribar Pit

Cheri Chamberlain <cchamberlain@huerfano.us>

Wed, Nov 5, 2025 at 10:40 AM

To: amber.gibson@state.co.us

Hi Amber,
Please see the attached report for the WSG-Hribar pit and please put it in their file!!
Thanks,

Cheri Chamberlain

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2 attachments



WSG-Hribar Pit Inspection Nov 25.pdf

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Subject: WSG-Hribar Pit-M-2009-027 Colorado Noxious Weed Act Compliance Monitoring

Date of Report: 11-3-25

Date of Inspection: 11-3-25

Reviewed By: Charles Bryant, Huerfano County Noxious Weed Manager

Site Operator: Walsenburg Sand & Gravel

Site Status: Pass

Overview: The Huerfano County Land Use Office has requested that the Huerfano County Noxious Weed Department inspect the WSG-Hribar Pit (M-2009-027) for the purpose of determining the project's compliance with the provisions set forth within the Colorado Noxious Weed Act.

Site Description: The site is located 9 miles northwest of Walsenburg, situated on the south side of C.R. 640. The surrounding natural area can best be described as short-grass prairie rangeland.

Site Condition: Activity within the mine area and haul road has been on hiatus for the last five years. Limited amounts of pioneering grass and forbe species have begun emerging within the disturbed soil areas. There were no mine personnel or equipment located on the site, save for a rock screen. There was a modest stockpile of roto-mill was located along the south-central mine perimeter, with larger topsoil windrows placed around the perimeter.

Noxious Weeds Present: The only Colorado State List Noxious Plant Species encountered during the visit were semi-dense senesced patches of the C List species downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*) and newly emerged redstem filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*) found within the mine area and haul road. Given the C List status of these species, no corrective actions are deemed necessary at this point as these species are not subject to State or local control and are widespread throughout the surrounding natural areas.

Other Vegetation within Mine Site: While not classified as noxious species but nonetheless invasive, high density, scattered patches of kochia weed (*Bassia Scoparia*) and Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*) were found within the disturbed soil areas throughout the mine site.

Determination: Department staff has determined that the site condition of the mine area does not warrant mitigation efforts at this time as the aforementioned C list species are not subject to control. Concerning the future reclamation process, *Bromus tectorum* and *Bassia Scoparia* will likely be somewhat problematic should weather/site conditions preclude the establishment of desirable native/reclamation species that are capable of creating favorable plant competition. It is anticipated that properly timed reclamation efforts and the establishment of a resilient native plant community will greatly limit the need for herbicidal control efforts. It is strongly recommended that the mine operator perform at least annual vegetation inspections to ensure that cheat grass or other noxious species do not become overly established. Doing so will greatly assist future reclamation efforts.

Northeast View:



Southern View:



Western View:





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October 9, 2025

Huerfano County Commissioners - District 2
401 Main Street
Suite 201
Walsenburg, CO 81089

**RE: WSG-Hribar, Permit No. M-2009-027, Notice of Request for a Temporary Cessation
Revision No. 1 (TC1), Second Period of Cessation**

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of an Operator to put their mining operation into a state of temporary cessation for a second five-year period. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirements of Rule 1.13.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that The Walsenburg Sand and Gravel Company (whose address is P.O. Drawer 352, Walsenburg, Colorado and phone number is (719) 738-1883) has filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation – 2nd period, with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the WSG-Hribar operation. The site is located in Section 35, Township 26S, Range 67W, in Huerfano County.

The period of temporary cessation is retroactive and will commence at the end of the first five-year period which ended October 1, 2025, and will last up to five years from that date. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-development state.

Any person directly and adversely affected or aggrieved, as defined by Rules 1.1(38) and 1.13.6(3), may file a written objection with the Division regarding this Notice of Temporary Cessation on or before Friday, November 7, 2025. The Notice of Temporary Cessation will be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at the November 12 and 13, 2025 Board



meeting. If the Division receives a timely objection to the Notice of Temporary Cessation, the Board will hear the objection as a contested matter. The hearing will be held at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado 80203, beginning at 9:00am on November 12, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether to accept the Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 720-836-0967 or by email at amber.gibson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber M. Gibson".

Amber M. Gibson
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Cc: Jared Ebert, Senior EPS, DRMS