



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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: High Flume Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1990-093	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: October 28, 2025	INSP. TIME: 14:15
OPERATOR: High Flume Gravel Pit, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$202,646.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czaplá	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: November 6, 2025

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Reclamation Success

PROBLEM: Reclamation has not commenced at the site. Rule 3.1.3 states that all reclamation shall be carried to completion by the operator with all reasonable diligence within 5 years of the operator notifying the Division of final reclamation. The operator notified the Division of final reclamation on March 6, 2023.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Notify the Division, in writing, of the Operator's proposed schedule for completing reclamation at the site. Reclamation shall be completed by March 6, 2028.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 12/05/25

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The High Flume Gravel Pit is located approximately 11.5 miles south of Durango and accessed from Rancho Durango Road. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 43.06 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$202,646.00 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Operator will be notified under separate cover if the Division determines that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient.

A dilapidated mine identification sign was noted at the entrance to the site. The permit boundary is not marked.

Mining has not occurred at the site since 2007. The operator (Four Corners Materials) notified the Division on March 6, 2023, that the site is in final reclamation. Pursuant to Rule 3.1.3 the operator shall complete reclamation by March 6, 2028. This inspection confirmed that the operator has not yet commenced reclamation at the site. This was noted as a Problem at the beginning of this report.

The access road, where it meets High Flume Road at the property boundary, has washed out and vehicular access to the site is not currently possible. However, the access road beyond the entrance gate has been graded since the Division's last inspection. Only minor rilling was noted on the access road beyond the entrance gate.

The scale and scale house remain on site. An old grader and small dozer were located near the scalehouse. It was not apparent whether these pieces of equipment would be operational or not. Several other pieces of dilapidated mining equipment and debris were stored at the first switchback above the scalehouse.

The un-reclaimed pit area at the top of the mesa covers approximately 2 acres. The pit is approximately 40 feet in depth where once near vertical highwalls have sloughed to approximately 1H:1V. The pit daylights on the east side. There were no stockpiles observed on the bench area outside the pit.

Other than the access road, no stability or erosional concerns were noted. Mining at the site has not exposed groundwater. No problems related to stormwater or erosion control were noted. There was no processing waste observed on site.

The operation has not exposed acid or toxic forming materials. Fuels were not stored on site.

Explosives were not used by the operation.

Noxious weed infestations were not observed.

No other problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393, dustin.czapla@state.co.us.



Access road washed out at property entrance



Dilapidated mine sign



Scale and scalehouse



Equipment near scalehouse





Access road above scalehouse



Access road above scalehouse



Open pit



Bench area on south side of pit

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>PB</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

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