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## C1980007, West Elk Mine, November Inspection Report

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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1980-007 <b>Mine Name:</b> West Elk Mine <b>Operator:</b> Mountain Coal Company, LLC <b>Operator Address:</b> Jessica Wilczek 5174 Highway 133 Somerset, CO 81434	<b>County:</b> Delta, Gunnison <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  N/A
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> November 18, 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 11:00 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> <b>Inspection End Time:</b>		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Aerial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Leigh Simmons  Brock Bowles	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>    <b>Signature Date:</b>  November 19, 2025		

**Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Roads

N - Availability of Records

N - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading

N - Revegetation

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Subsidence

N - Explosives

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Fish & Wildlife

R - Support Facilities On-site

N - Hydrologic Balance

N - Signs and Markers

R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Other

N - Special Categories Of Mining

R - Processing Waste

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was an aerial inspection conducted by the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division). Brock Bowles and Hunter Kragenbrink took the photographs, and the images were reviewed by Leigh Simmons. The weather was clear and dry. The mine was active.

**GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

MCC should submit a Minor Revision to update section 2.03 of the Permit Application Packet to reflect recent personnel changes.

**PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11****Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:**

The images show haul trucks traveling to and from the RPEE, suggesting that processing waste was being transported.

**SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:**

The volume of material on the run-of-mine coal stockpile had been drawn down, including the fines at stack tube 3.

Material on top of the LRP appeared to have been graded. This should be reported in the quarterly waste pile report.

Equipment had been mobilized to begin construction of recently permitted B-seam MVB pads.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

N/A

**OTHER (SPECIFY)**

N/A

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



*Figure 1: Overview of main facilities (west)*

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*Figure 2: Overview of main facilities (east)*

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*Figure 3: Run-of-mine coal stockpile*

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*Figure 4: Silos, clean coal stockpile and train loadout*

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*Figure 5: Prep plant and LRP*

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*Figure 6 Office and shop buildings, FW ponds, MSB, C1 conveyor and portal*

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*Figure 7: RPE and RPEE haul road*

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Figure 8: RPEE

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*Figure 9: Sylvester Gulch Mine Water Pumping Facility*

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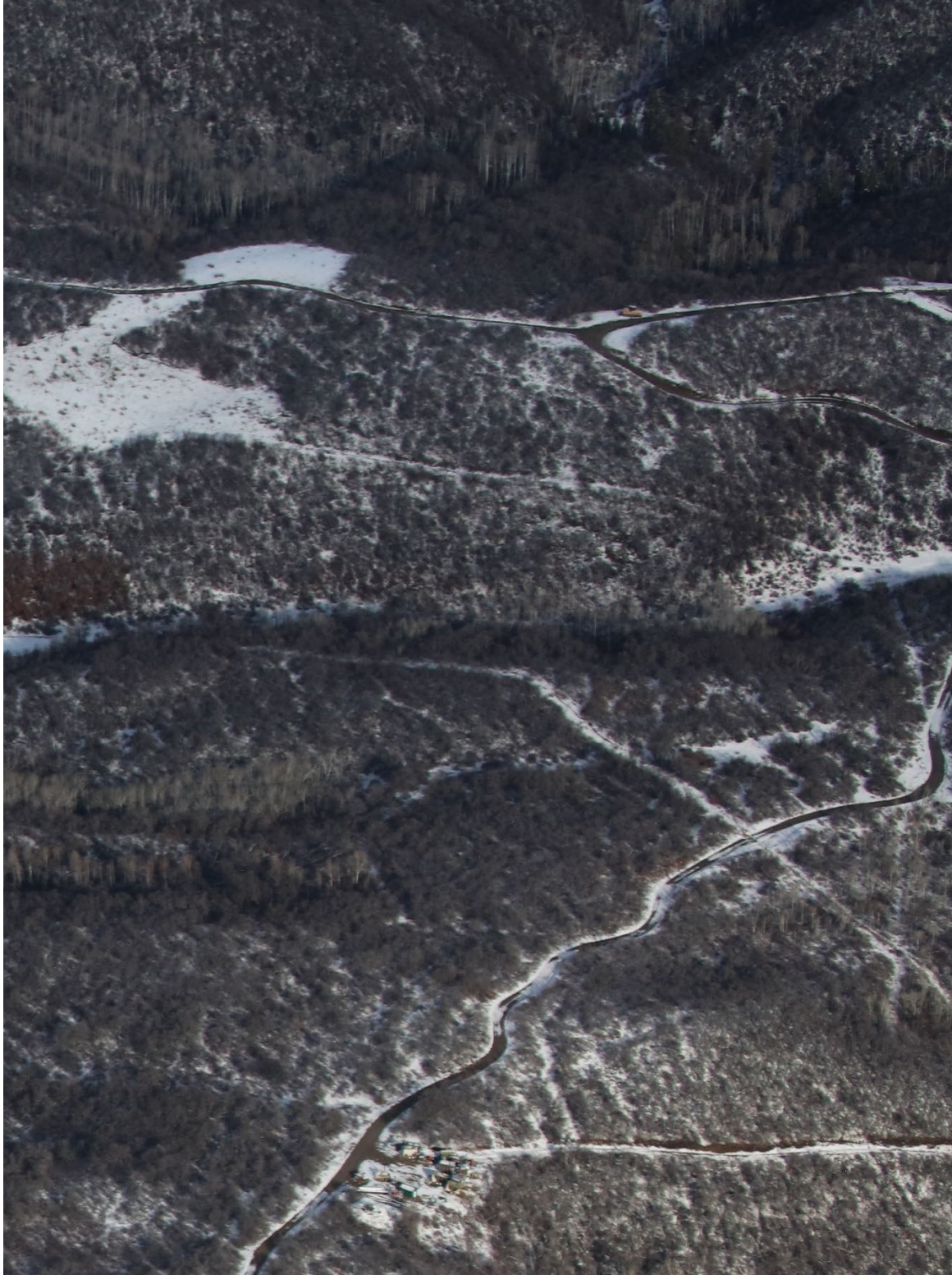


*Figure 10: MVB pads and roads*

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*Figure 11: Dozer and excavator staged on USFS road*

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