




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> St Jude Mine	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1978-039-HR	<b>MINERAL:</b> Uranium and vanadium	<b>COUNTY:</b> San Miguel
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Multi Person Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> October 9, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:07
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Pinon Ridge Mining LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mike Rutter	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$108,830.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Lucas West	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> December 12, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</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>N</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 as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. In addition to the inspector and Operator representative listed on page one of this report, Bridget Wade, of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bruce Smith of Western Water and Land, a consultant for the Operator were present during the inspection. The St. Jude Mine is an active 110d operation however operations were not being conducted the day of the inspection. Public access to the site is controlled by a locked gate along the access road. The Division currently holds \$108,830.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate update was not performed as a result of this inspection. Five Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current conditions of the site.

As seen in Photo One, the permit ID sign was observed at the entrance to the site. The permit boundary markers were also observed. All disturbances are contained within the permitted areas. The remote vent shaft sites were not inspected at this time. The diversion ditches and storm water control devices appear to be functioning as designed and no significant erosion was observed throughout the site. The main work area, adjacent to the portal and shops, appeared to be stable and in good condition. The portal was closed with the metal gates at the time of the inspection, but not backfilled with the earthen plug. The portal and it's structure are in excellent condition, shown in Photo Two.

The lined Ore Pad was observed to be in good condition. The pad has been used for stockpiling ore, however no ore was currently being stored on the pad. All material has been shipped and the pad has been cleaned of all residual materials. The out slopes and berms of the pad appear stable. The pad can be seen in Photo Three. All work and shop facilities onsite were secured and appeared to be in good condition as seen in Photo Four. The small above ground fuel tanks have been removed from the site. The concrete pad, air tank and two compressor stations have been installed but were not in use at the time of the inspection. Photo Five shows the compressor station adjacent the portal. Various other items are observed on site however it was stored in an orderly fashion and was not a concern at this time. The waste rock dump storage area was observed and appears to be stable and in good condition. The out slopes show no signs of significant erosion.

Evidence of weed management during the growing season was observed. The whole site exhibits positive drainage and no erosional issues were observed at this time. The overall footprint of the site was in good condition and free from excessive trash and debris. The condition of the site remains largely unchanged from the previous inspection. All questions or responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1001 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Room 215 Denver, CO 80216, by phone at (303)-919-2997, or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View South, showing the proper Mine ID sign posted on the entrance gate to the site.



Photo Two: View Southwest, showing the secured portal on site. Also visible is the dirt stockpile used to backfill the portal during extended periods of closure.





Photo Three: View East, showing the lined ore pad. The pad was empty the day of the inspection, however had been used recently for stockpiling activities.



Photo Four: View North, showing the shop structure located on site. The shop is in good condition, and no evidence of damage was noted.

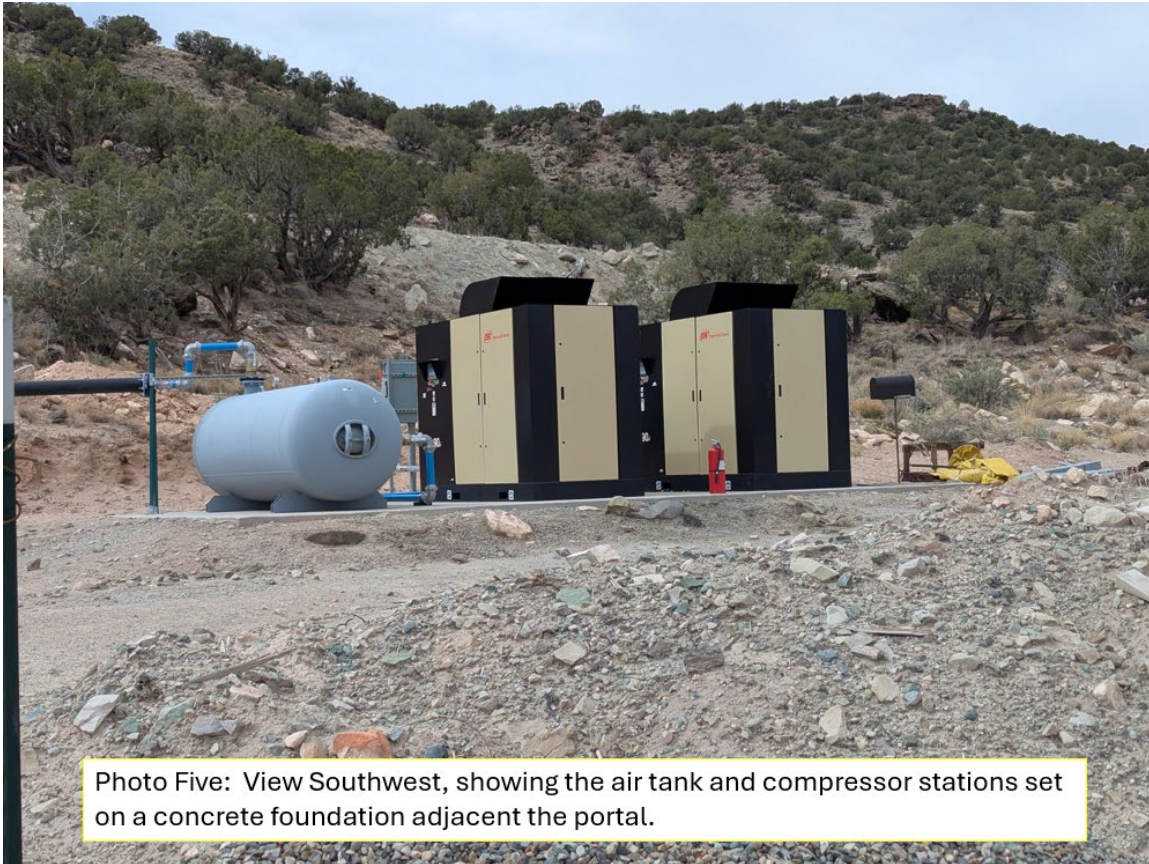


Photo Five: View Southwest, showing the air tank and compressor stations set on a concrete foundation adjacent the portal.

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