




# COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY COAL PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT



## PERMIT INFORMATION

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-016 <b>Mine Name:</b> Hawk Nest E & W <b>Operator:</b> Western Slope Carbon, Inc. <b>Operator Address:</b>	<b>County:</b> Gunnison <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Revoked <b>Ownership:</b> Federal
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  N/A
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  N/A	

## INSPECTION INFORMATION

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> February 14, 2013 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 15:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> February 14, 2013 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 16:45		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Cloudy	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  James R. Stark	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>  25 February 2013		

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

R - Backfill &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

N - Hydrologic Balance

N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection of the Hawk's Nest Mine conducted by Jim Stark of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Hawk's Nest Mine's permit has been revoked, the bond was forfeited and the reclamation was completed by the Division. In the summer of 2012 the Division conducted year nine vegetation monitoring and plans to conduct year ten vegetation monitoring in the summer of 2013. The weather was cold and cloudy and the ground was covered with snow.

**BACKFILL and GRADING** – Rule 4.14 Contemporaneous Reclamation 4.14.1; Approximate Original Contour 4.14.2; Highwall Elimination 4.14.1(2)(f); Steep Slopes 4.14.2, 4.27; Handling of Acid and Toxic Materials 4.14.3; Stabilization of Rills and Gullies 4.14.6:

- The East and West Portal areas and the bleeder entry area were all stable at the time of the inspection. There were no signs of settling, slumping or cracking in the backfilled areas. No erosional problems were noted.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS** - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

- The reclaimed areas were covered with snow at the time of the inspection so the current vegetative cover was not known (although the site was well vegetated during the summer of 2012 and into the fall).

- The new fire station that was planned for the East Portal area (by the Ragged Mountain Fire Protection District) has been put on hold due to budget constraints. All of the backhoe pits that were dug for infiltration tests (for a septic system leach field) were filled in the fall. The Division will proceed with the year ten vegetation monitoring in the summer of 2013 and, pending the results of the sampling, will proceed with a termination of jurisdiction for the site.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED:** N/A

This concludes the 14 February 2013 partial inspection report for the Hawk's Nest Mine.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 2

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

The Hawk's Nest Mine is a revoked site. There are no outstanding enforcement actions and none were issued as a result of the 14 February 2013 partial inspection.

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