




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



### PERMIT INFORMATION

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-022 <b>Mine Name:</b> Elk Creek Mine <b>Operator:</b> Oxbow Mining, LLC <b>Operator Address:</b> Mr Jim Kiger P.O. Box 535 3737 Highway 133 Somerset, CO 81434	<b>County:</b> Delta, Gunnison <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Federal
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  Tom Anderson
<b>Operator Representative Signature:</b> (Field Issuance Only)	

### INSPECTION INFORMATION

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> March 20, 2013 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 12:10 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> March 20, 2013 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 12:45	<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>
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Susan L. Burgmaier	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <b>Signature Date:</b>  03/22/2013

**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
Y - Backfill & Grading	N - Revegetation
Y - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste	N - Subsidence
N - Explosives	Y - Slides and Other Damage
N - Fish & Wildlife	N - Support Facilities On-site
N - Hydrologic Balance	N - Signs and Markers
N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan	NA - Support Facilities Not On-site
NA - Other	NA - Special Categories Of Mining
NA - Processing Waste	N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection of the Elk Creek Mine conducted by Susan Burgmaier of DRMS. Tom Anderson of Oxbow Mining Company was present during the inspection. Weather conditions were cloudy and cool; ground conditions were muddy.

The purpose of the inspection was to follow up on a possible issue identified during a March 14, 2013 aerial inspection of the site that indicated a possible stability issue on the West Valley refuse disposal area. The inspection was limited to inspection of the West Valley disposal area only. The area in question was the lower bench of the disposal area where it appeared that soil movement had occurred. The ground inspection revealed that netting used to mulch the revegetated slopes had been bunched up by the wind into linear rolls.

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 9

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 3

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Netting rolls on West Valley fill surface

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