

On June 13, 2017 COGCC Environmental Staff (Alex Fischer and Kris Neidel) conducted an environmental field inspection of Wesco Operating Inc. (WESCO) Spill/Release ID: 451001. Weather was overcast to partially cloudy and temperature app 55s degree F and wind was from the south. Tom Kirkwood and Dave Wienert from WESCO were present.

The following is a summary:

WESCO employees stated that flowline off of the Maudlin Gulch #18 well (API 05-081-06045) leaked releasing produced water and approximately 2 bbls of oil. This was in the proximity of the March 2017 line release from the same flowline. Fluids went about 100 yards on the north side of the road, flowing through a culvert into Straight Gulch which had flowing water. The oil and produced water then flowed about 3,700 feet down Straight Gulch. WESCO deployed an "underflow dam" and oil absorbent booms to mitigate further migration of the E&P waste. On June 8, 2017 (the day after the incident) WESCO began water washing the impacted banks of Straight Gulch.

- The entire impacted section of Straight Gulch was walked. Visual oily impacts of vegetation were noted along some areas of Straight Gulch.
- There were areas of observed hydrocarbons (rainbows) on the water surface. These were lower lying areas where fluids were more likely to pool
- Crews were observed removing impacted vegetation using hand tools (rakes, buckets, and drum liners).
- The underflow dam was observed and no accumulations of free hydrocarbons were observed on the water surface at the dam.
- The section of Straight Gulch below the underflow dam did not appear to have been impacted.