

Inspection Photos

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Operator: GORDON ENGINEERING INC -
34720

Location ID: 334074
Mesa County, CO

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Photo 1: Photos taken from the west end of the Location, facing northeast and east. Photo provides overview of the Location. Operator appears to have conducted revegetation activities; however work including, but not limited to, compaction alleviation (cross ripping to a minimum depth of 18 inches), recontouring and regrading of the Location/access road has not been performed in accordance with 1004 reclamation requirements. Vegetation observed in photo is predominantly undesirable and noxious plant species monoculture, such as cheat grass.

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Photo 2: Photo show access road leading to location has not been reclaimed.

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Photo 3: Photo example showing areas of the cut slope that remain evident; area appears to have been used as a “borrow area” in the past.

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Photo 4: Photos taken from the south end of the Location. Photo shows Operator has buried concrete blocks on Location; this improper disposal of non-E&P waste, and is prohibited pursuant to Rule 906.d.

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Photo 5: Photo shows compaction issues evident on Location; reclamation specialist attempted to conduct a test-pit, and was only able to easily penetrate the first few inches of soil.

Photo right shows “platy” soil structures. These structures are thin, flat plates of soil that lie horizontally and are usually found in compacted soils.

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Photo 6: Photo taken from the adjacent reference area, to compare to the observed compaction concerns on Location. Photo shows reclamation specialist was able to easily penetrate approximately 10 inches of soil on the reference.