

Interim Reclamation and Stormwater Inspection

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Operator: VERDAD RESOURCES LLC #10651

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Weld County, CO

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Photo 1. Drone aerial imagery illustrates the pit area. Bare patches were observed throughout (red arrow and polygon show examples of some of the bare patches) and weedy, annual vegetation was observed that is not reflective of reference areas. Desirable establishment was observed but introduced plant species were observed along the eastern interim and pit areas. Photo also illustrates the location has been recently mowed. Green arrow indicates where COGCC Staff located reference area vegetation.



Photo 2. Drone aerial imagery illustrates the eastern interim reclamation area. The majority of the eastern interim reclamation area was established with an introduced plant species, likely Crested wheatgrass, which is not reflective of reference areas. Vegetation was mowed so there were no seedheads, only basal leaves.

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Photo 3. Photo taken from the southwestern pit area, facing East. Photo illustrates a bare patch with no vegetation establishment, which is not reflective of reference areas.



Photo 4. Close up photo taken from the bare patch in Photo 3.

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Photo 5. Photo taken from the southwestern pit area, facing North. See comments under Photo 3 and 4.



Photo 6. Photo taken from the northern pit area, facing West. Photo illustrates mostly annual, weedy vegetation has established that was recently mowed.

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Photo 7. Reference photo taken from a southwestern area, facing East. Photo illustrates reference area vegetation consists mostly of uniform Blue grama.

Note- the area within the red-dashed line is the pit area and everything outside is reference areas.



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Photo 8. Close up reference photo taken from Photo 7 illustrating the uniform Blue grama establishment.

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Photo 9. Photo taken from the southeastern interim reclamation area, facing North. Photo illustrates what appears to be Crested wheatgrass which is not reflective of reference area vegetation.



Photo 10. Photo taken from the southeastern interim reclamation area, facing East. See comments under Photo 9.

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Photo 11. Photo taken from the eastern interim reclamation area, facing North. Photo illustrates trash from reclamation activities- string that has been mowed over.



Photo 12. Photo taken from the eastern interim reclamation area, facing East. See comments under Photo 11.