

Interim Reclamation and Stormwater Inspection

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Operator: UPLAND EXPLORATION LLC- #10701

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Photo 1. Photo taken from Geary Creek, facing East. Photo illustrates riprap has been imported to stabilize the fill slope into Geary Creek and control stormwater runoff into Geary Creek.

Note- this work was performed and completed by CCRP, not Upland.



Photo 2. Photo taken from Geary Creek, facing North. See comments under Photo 1.



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Photo 3. Photo taken from a section of the access road at the approximate 1 mile marker, facing West. Photo illustrates the approximate end point of where new gravel was imported. No new gravel import has been brought in since the previous inspection.



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Photo 4. Photo taken from topsoil stockpile, facing West. Photo illustrates the topsoil stockpile has not been stabilized, which was communicated to the Operator back on April 7th. Operator indicated that the topsoil has been reseeded.



Photo 5. Photo taken from the southern slope of the topsoil stockpile. Photo illustrates Russian thistle seedling growth.

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Photo 6. Photo taken from western fill slope, facing East. Photo illustrates sediment laden stormwater discharging off location (red arrows).

Note- there was no perimeter BMP at the base of the fill slope.



Photo 7. Photo taken from western fill slope, facing South. Photo illustrates the point of sediment laden stormwater discharging off location without a perimeter BMP (red arrows indicating no perimeter BMP).

Note- there was a ditch BMP installed during the initial construction; however, the ditch no longer exists to direct stormwater into the sediment trap and recent disturbances near the red arrows failed to re-install the ditch BMP.

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Photo 8. Photo taken from southwestern fill slope, facing South. Photo illustrates Russian thistle weed debris along the fill slope.



Photo 9. Photo taken from the production area, facing South. Photo illustrates it appears oily waste underneath the load out has been cleaned up.

Note- no change has occurred since the previous inspection.



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Photo 10. Photo taken from southern well location, facing North. Photo illustrates subsidence along a flowline in need of repair.



Photo 11. Photo taken from western well location, facing South. Photo illustrates vehicle rutting in need of repair.

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Photo 12. Photo taken from a portion of the access road approximately 250 feet from the location, facing West. Photo illustrates trash outside of containment that has blown off location.



Photo 13. Close up photo of trash illustrated in Photo 12, which was picked up by COGCC staff.

Note- other trash was observed outside of containment that has blown off location.

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Photo 14. Photo taken from a portion of the access road, illustrating Russian thistle seedling growth.



Photo 15. Photo taken from a portion of the access road, illustrating Russian thistle seedling growth along both sides of the roadside ditch area. This was observed throughout the approximate 1.5 mile section of access road.



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Photo 16. Photo taken from a portion of the access road approximately at the 4.6 mile marker, facing North. Photo illustrates an approximate 0.7 miles of Russian thistle weed pulling has not been completed.





Photo 17. Photo taken from a portion of the access road approximately at the 3.7 mile marker, facing East. Photo illustrates the reclamation of access road repairs have not been completed. Photo illustrates the roadside area has been disturbed during snow removal by Upland.



Photo 18. Photo taken from a portion of the access road approximately at the 3.5 mile marker, facing East. Photo illustrates the reclamation of access road repairs have not been completed.

This photo is comparing the north and south roadside areas. The north roadside area between the red arrows was not impacted by snow removal and has established perennial vegetation; the south roadside area illustrates road repairs have not been completed and gravel remains in the pasture.

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Photo 19. Photo taken from a portion of the access road approximately at the 2.4 mile marker, facing West. Photo illustrates the reclamation of access road repairs have not been completed.

This photo is comparing the north and south roadside areas. The north roadside area between the red arrows was not impacted by snow removal and has established perennial vegetation with riprap check dams; the south roadside area illustrates road repairs have not been completed and riprap check dams have not been re-installed.