



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Start Date/Time:	3/20/2013 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time:	3/20/2013 4:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Representatives Present During the Inspection:	
Company	Dennis Ware
OGM	Steve Demczak

Inspector: Steve Demczak

Weather: Sunny, 30's, Very little snow

InspectionID Report Number: 3430

Accepted by:

Permitee: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**
 Operator: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**
 Site: **WILLOW CREEK MINE**
 Address: **PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030**
 County: **CARBON**
 Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**
 Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

Current Acreages

14,662.49	Total Permitted
95.40	Total Disturbed
187.85	Phase I
187.85	Phase II
92.45	Phase III

Mineral Ownership

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

Types of Operations

- Underground
- Surface
- Loadout
- Processing
- Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

It was possible to travel to the Crandall Canyon reclaim site. The road was muddy and snow still snow covered in some areas.

The south facing areas have very little snow. Most of the snow is melted.

Willow Creek Mine has received Phase II bond release on August 15, 2012 by the Division. The only area which did not receive Phase II bond release was the Shaft area at Crandall Canyon. This area was disturbed for backfilling the shaft.

The permittee had a survey conducted on the shaft area in November 2012. The area settled 1.2 feet in three years. The shaft will be surveyed annually to check for subsidence of the shaft area. It was impossible to determine if the shafts have sunken any more during the winter.

Inspector's Signature:

Steve Demczak,
Inspector ID Number: 39

Date Tuesday, March 20, 2013



REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
 - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Signs and Markers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Topsoil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Noncoal Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Signs and Markers

I inspected identification signs at the gate to Crandall Canyon, the topsoil barrow area along highway US 50-6, and next to the road along Indian Canyon. The signs meet the minimum requirements of the R645 Coal Rules.

3. Topsoil

All available topsoil was used in reclamation. I did not see any signs of erosion to the topsoil. The soil appeared to be stable.

4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

The diversions were stable and would function during a storm event. No water was flowing within the diversions. I did not see any signs of erosion.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The reclamation site was completely pocked to prevent sediment from leaving the site. I did not see any sediment leaving the site today or in the recent past.

8. Noncoal Waste

The site was clear of non-coal waste materials.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues

There were many signs that the elk were wintering at Crandall Canyon. The elk had been grazing on the vegetation on the site.

12. Backfilling And Grading

Willow Creek is completely backfilled and graded. This site has Phase II bond release.