



# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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# Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0150007
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Start Date/Time:	8/11/2020 12:00:00 PM
End Date/Time:	8/11/2020 4:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Representatives Present During the Inspection:
OGM Karl Houskeeper

Inspector: Karl Houskeeper,

Weather: Clear Skies, Temp. 90 Deg. F.

InspectionID Report Number: 6744

Accepted by: SCHRISTE  
9/14/2020

Permittee: **BRONCO UTAH OPERATIONS, LLC**  
 Operator: **BRONCO UTAH OPERATIONS, LLC**  
 Site: **HIDDEN VALLEY MINE**  
 Address: **PO BOX 527, EMERY UT 84522**  
 County: **EMERY**  
 Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**  
 Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

#### Current Acreages

840.00	<b>Total Permitted</b>
6.70	<b>Total Disturbed</b>
6.70	<b>Phase I</b>
	<b>Phase II</b>
	<b>Phase III</b>

#### 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:

The Hidden Valley Complete Inspection was conducted un-attended according to the Division's current policy during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Paperwork for the complete inspection was obtained electronically

Pictures were taken during the inspection and are attached as Attachment A to the PDF version of this inspection report

This is an inactive site. There is a Minerals site near this area. This site was also inactive during the inspection.

Inspector's Signature:

Date Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Karl Houskeeper,  
Inspector ID Number: 49



**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **2. Signs and Markers**

There is one mine identification sign at this permitted facility. This sign is posted at the end of the Sevier County road and the beginning of the entrance point into the Hidden Valley mine site. The sign posts the name, address, phone number and mining permit number from the Utah Coal Program. These items are required by law to be posted for public information. The sign was inspected and found to be in compliance.

## **3. Topsoil**

There are no topsoil piles on this permitted site.

### **4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions**

One diversion is present on this site. The diversion lies along side of an old access road leading to the area where the portal face-up area was. The diversion is open and functional.

### **4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments**

There are no sediment ponds associated with this mining permit.

### **4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures**

There are alternate sediment control structures at this site.

There is a straw wattle structure near the mine identification sign. This structure is in good repair.

There are silt fences and straw wattles near the base of the old access road in close proximity to the old portal face up. These structures were replaced in the fall of 2019. The structures are still in good shape.

### **4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations**

There is no discharge permit currently for this site.

## **5. Explosives**

There are no explosive storage areas for this site.

## **6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches**

There are no excess spoil, fills or benches at this site.

## **7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments**

There is no refuse pile associated with this site.

## **8. Noncoal Waste**

No noncoal waste items were observed during the complete inspection.

**9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues**

No Fish, wildlife or related environmental issues.

**10. Slides and Other Damage**

No slides or other damage.

**11. Contemporaneous Reclamation**

No current contemporaneous reclamation.

**12. Backfilling And Grading**

No backfilling or grading.

**13. Revegetation**

No revegetation.

**14. Subsidence Control**

There is no subsidence associated with this site.

**16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing**

There are no roadways associated with this site.

**16.b Roads: Drainage Controls**

There are no roadways associated with this site.

**17. Other Transportation Facilities**

There are no other transportation facilities at this site.

**18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations**

There are no support facilities or utility installation at this site.

**20. Air Quality Permit**

The air quality permit was Modified December 31, 2015. Permit number DAQE-GN140950003-15.

**21. Bonding and Insurance**

Bond Number 1158487 increased to \$148,000, on November 14, 2019, as part of the Mid-term Review

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**22. Other**

Pictures were taken of the Miracle Rock mining area. This area is not coal mining related. The mining in this area are associated with the minerals program. At the inception of their mining activity they were in the Hidden Valley permit area. Since that time their mining area has been carved out of the Hidden Valley permit area.

**ATTACHMENT A – Photos Hidden Valley August 11, 2020 site visit**



**PHOTO 1**

Hidden Valley Identification Sign



**PHOTO 2**

Hidden Valley Alternate Sediment Control Structure



**PHOTO 3**

Miracle Rock Site  
(Non Coal. Mineral Site)



**PHOTO 4**

Miracle Rock Site  
(Non Coal. Mineral Site)