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**NON-COAL MINING AND EXPLORATION
INSPECTION FORM**

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Operator: <u>Snake River Sporting Club Co., LLC</u>		Inspection Date: <u>7/15/10</u> Mineral : <u>Gravel</u>	
Permit/License No.: <u>1117ET</u>		County: Teton	
Date Permit Issued: <u>17-Sep-99</u>	Acres: <u>10</u>	Last Annual Report Received: <u>9/17/04</u>	
Pit Name: _____			
Inspector : <u>John Erickson, Lander DEQ/LQD</u>		Current Bond Amount: <u>\$10,000</u>	
Other Participants: _____		Landowner: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal	
Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive		Mineral Owner: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal	
<input type="checkbox"/> In Reclamation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abandoned			

	In Compliance?	Comments
Permit Signs	No	No signs
Topsoil Signs	N/A	No signs on topsoil piles adjacent to ponds on lower bench
Topsoil Salvage	√	
Topsoil Protection	√	
Off-permit Disturbances	√	
Erosion	√	
Roads & Culverts	√	
Impoundments	No	Lower ponds are impounding groundwater - No SEO permits
Solid Waste Disposal	√	None noted
Fuel Storage / Spills	√	None noted
Other Issues		
Highwalls	None	
List equipment on site	None	
Dust concerns	None	
Reclamation		
Vegetation established	No	Original mining area (the lower ponds) only partially reclaimed
Weeds present	√	None noted
Slope / Grading	No	Incomplete
Through Drainage	No	Impoundments on site

GPS INFORMATION:

Total Disturbed Acreage: _____	GPS Model: _____	Rover Filename: _____
Access Road Acreage: _____	GPS Map attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Y	or <input type="checkbox"/> N

***ACTIONS REQUIRED BY OPERATOR:**

On November 5, 2007, Snake River Sporting Club Development Co., LLC (Snake River) assumed Limited Mining Operation No. 1117ET from Canyon Club, Inc. and provided a replacement \$10,000 bond (currently Wells Fargo Bank LOC No. 3319173-3). Snake River never filed an Annual Report with LQD and subsequently filed for Chapter 7 liquidation in 1999. On March 14, 2009, the company's status with the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office was revoked for non-payment of taxes.

The purpose of this inspection was to determine if mining disturbances have been reclaimed. The inspection revealed that there has been no reclamation since the previous LQD inspection conducted October 24, 2007. At that time the processing site on the upper terrace was active. Although there is no longer any processing equipment, the site contains numerous small stockpiles (Figure 1). As depicted on the attached 2009 NAIP imagery, there are 3 small ponds below the processing site which were excavated to provide materials for the Snake River subdivision. Topsoil is stockpiled adjacent to the ponds (Figures 3, 5 & 6) which will need to be replaced on the pond banks and seeded. At least one of the ponds was constructed with a fabric liner, presumably to help hold enough water to create an artificial fishery (Figure 4). The liner is uncovered at the edges and is in disrepair. It is doubtful that these ponds were ever permitted by the State Engineer's Office.

A map submitted on May 28, 2004 by a previous operator, Snake River Canyon Ranch, depicts a second gravel processing area located farther south in Section 5. It was designated on the map as Area #2 and is included in the 1117ET legal description. Although the recent 2009 NAIP imagery does not show any obvious disturbances in this area, it needs to be checked during a future inspection.

BOND EVALUATION: The currently posted bond of \$10,000 is in compliance with State Statutes for the 10-acre permit area.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Snake River has gone out of business and abandoned the Limited Mining Operation. This inspection confirmed that mining disturbances are unreclaimed. A Notice of Violation will be prepared for failing to reclaim, to be followed by a recommendation to the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council to forfeit the bond.

Inspector Signature / Date: _____

Attachments: Photos GPS Map Other ArcMAP - 2009 Imagery

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