



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners

MEETING DATE: 1/31/2023

ITEM NAME: Bradford Mesa Update

SUBMITTED BY: Sky Tallman

SUMMARY:

At the BOCC meeting of December 6, 2022, public comment was made regarding the gravel quarry on Bradford Mesa. Concerns raised included a concern that insufficient water had been purchased to mitigate dust, that the original CUP for mining differed from the plan submitted to the state, that the railroad spur planned to facilitate gravel extraction had never been built, that truck traffic was a nuisance, and that dust was a nuisance on nearby properties.

On December 16, Huerfano County staff visited the site and took pictures of current conditions. The site visit revealed that there is currently no mining taking place. Over the summer, some core samples were taken, and each of the disturbed sites have been covered and re-seeded. Evidence of disturbance and reseeded were visible.

According to the land owner, the results of core sampling revealed that there was insufficient potential for the site and plans to develop a gravel operation and build a railroad spur are no longer active.

Staff concludes that unless and until gravel mining operations take place at this site, there is no cause for concern or further action.

See photos attached:



Covered site on southwest side of Bradford Mesa



Looking to Southwest from top of Bradford Mesa



Looking south along western edge of Bradford Mesa.



Looking north along western edge of Bradford Mesa. Train tracks and RR spur easement on left side of photo.



View on top of Bradford Mesa



Site 2 with visible remediation and replanting.