

Old Bell Road Aggregate Mine Operational Scope

(10/31/25)

This information is provided to help the community understand the scope of the mine on Old Bell Rd. This is not part of the Mine Reclamation Plan and is provided as a courtesy. If you have any questions, please contact David@W3Planning.org or call 928-830-0217. Thank you!

1. Hours of operation

- a. Typical hours of operation will be Monday Through Friday 7:00 Am To 5:00 PM

2. Truck Loads per day

- a. It is difficult to say on any given day how many trucks per day will be running as it is very job dependent. We would estimate that between 10 and 25 trucks a day will enter and exit the site during normal operations. (Approximately 1-2 trucks round trip per hour).

3. Number of employees

- a. 5-H will have between 1 and 4 full-time employees based on the needs at the time. We will be looking to the community first for these jobs as we want to hire locals. If you know of anyone needing a job, with some mining or heavy equipment experience, please have them reach out to us.

4. Road maintenance

- a. It is the intent of 5-H to extend Old Bell Road to access the property, we will provide material for an all-weather surface and maintain the road as needed. We care about the road as much as our neighbors do, and with the mine, have the equipment and material to ensure the road stays safe.

5. Working with neighbors

- a. It is not the intent of 5-H to be an imposition on any of our neighbors. We want to be good neighbors and build relationships with the Salome community.
- b. We are going to build earthen berms to limit the visual and sound impacts.
 - 1. We will be far enough away from adjacent properties to limit the sound impacts as well.
 - 2. The machinery to process material will not be running on daily basis and will not put out as much noise as the side by sides that frequent the Salome area.

6. Dust

- a. Dust will be managed in accordance with ADEQ regulatory requirements. If the reclamation plan is approved, then we will be required to obtain air quality and water quality permits as well as having staff trained in air quality monitoring.
- b. Production activities will be the primary cause of dust in the area, which are a significantly smaller portion of the year, and will not occur every day.
- c. Best practices within the industry will be implemented to ensure that not only are we in compliance, but being the best possible neighbors that we can be.

7. Water Usage

- a. A well is proposed for the property. Well testing has been done by the previous owners and found adequate on property for the mine's needs. We anticipate our water usage to be far lower than the agricultural uses in the community.
- b. For the aggregate processing, water will be reclaimed and recycled as much as possible.

8. Dark sky impact

- a. There will be no impact to the dark sky. We do not plan to have any night-time operations.

9. Archaeology / Environmental Review

- a. a site review has been done, including onsite inspections, and did not note the presence of anything historical beyond small artifacts estimated to be from Arizona Statehood era (old cans that were used as targets, dumped old tires). Nothing culturally significant was noted.

9. Summary.

The Hobbs family has been a part of the Salome community for a while now. It is our intention to maintain positive relationships with our fellow community members. In our time living in Salome, it has become evident that providing aggregate products for the town and surrounding areas is something that is needed. The lack of this material is causing problems in the surrounding community, and we have been working hard towards a solution to help everyone. We believe that this is greatly needed and is going to be an asset for the needs of residents in Salome and the other local towns.

Thank you, Stewart and Cole Hobbs