



# Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

## Juniper Canyon Development Fact Sheet

### Location

The Juniper Canyon area is a commercial and residential development. The primary intent is to move rock to make room for homes and commercial development as outlined in [Herriman City's master plan](#). The excess bedrock removed for the development is being taken off-site and sold. Therefore, a large mine permit from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (OGM) is required.

State rule requires the division to issue a large mine permit when the area of disturbance is over 20 acres. While this is temporary, the operator, South Valley Rock Products, has indicated that removing materials may take approximately five years to complete.

### Background

The initial removal and sale of sand and gravel did not require a mining permit per state code. As operations continued, bedrock was uncovered, requiring a mining permit if it were to be mined and sold. The operator provided the division with the required mine plan, posted a reclamation bond and paid the annual permit fees.

### Mine Operations

- The large mine permit proposes no additional acreage or changes to current operations.
- South Valley Rock Products is extracting aggregate rock for road bases, landscape rock, and other construction products.
- It is common for developers to sell the product that needs to be moved.
- As the [operator's mining plan](#) indicates, blasting follows all local, state and federal regulations and uses blast monitoring equipment, including seismographs, to record vibration data. The State Fire Marshal must approve all blasting and issue permits to ensure safe and responsible blasting.
- Based on market demand, 400,000 to 600,000 tons of material per year is expected to be mined.
- The mining and sale of excess rock is part of the overall development plan and is anticipated to be completed within the next five years.

### Division Responsibilities and Next Steps:

- The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. at the Sky Ridge Townhomes Clubhouse at 4391 W Sykes Lane in Herriman to address residents' concerns regarding South Valley Rock Products' large mine permit application.
- Notice of the public meeting and an invite to provide public comments were sent to residents whose properties [adjoin](#) the mine site.
- After the public meeting, Division Director Mick Thomas has 30 days to decide, based on division rules and regulations, if the large mine permit application will be approved.

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- The division holds a reclamation bond posted by the operator, which ensures that land disturbed by mining will be restored to its original state or a condition agreed upon by the operator and the state.
- Site inspections will occur during mining operations to ensure mining within permit boundaries and adherence to mine plans/regulations.
- In addition to permitting, the role of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is to ensure reclamation standards can be achieved after mining. Staff verifies that mine operators follow their plans for mining and reclamation, including mining within permit boundaries and protecting public safety and the environment. The division holds reclamation bonds to ensure the future reclamation of mine sites.
- State rules are available at <https://ogm.utah.gov/minerals-program/>.

## FAQs:

### Who oversees air quality and dust issues coming from a mine site?

The [Division of Air Quality](#) oversees the regulation and monitoring of dust. Air quality permits are required for operators.

### Who oversees the regulation of blasting in Utah?

The Department of Public Safety Fire Marshal permits and regulates all blasting activities in Utah. <https://firemarshal.utah.gov/>

### Who do I contact with concerns over traffic from development/mining operations?

Mining truck traffic concerns: [Contact Herriman City](#) or [UDOT](#)

### Who approved the proposed development master plan for this area?

The Herriman City Council approved the [master plan](#). For additional information, contact [Herriman City](#).

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