



The Finishing of Phase 1

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As most of you probably know, our latest and greatest operation in the Mountain Division has been the addition of the Ragsdale Reservoirs site, located a few miles north of the city of Fort Lupton. This year, Ragsdale has crossed its first major milestone, the finishing of the first phase of mining (Phase 1).

Phase 1 was one of Ragsdale's initial pit run extraction sites, and is a 70-acre parcel designed as a stand-alone water storage reservoir. As of just last month, we received our Reservoir Liner Certification from the State of Colorado, acknowledging our passing of the leak test for Phase 1. This is one of the biggest final pieces to the puzzle before we can begin releasing the Phase 1 parcel from our permit and turning it over to the reservoir owner for reservoir operations.

The leak test involves measuring and monitoring every ounce of water that enters or exits the cell from precipitation, evaporation, pumping, and even measuring the water volume within the pores of the gravel. We then compile all these measurements into an equation to show that our seal around the reservoir is within our allowable amount of leakage based on the size of the seal. These measurements must be collected weekly, and over a period of at least 90 days, so receiving this certification is not necessarily an easy feat. However, now that we have crossed this bridge, the final pieces to the puzzle have started to fall into place, and all in time to meet our Dec 31, 2025, delivery deadline.

From the initial stripping of overburden in 2022, to the countless passes back and forth in a dozer to shape our pretty reclamation slopes, this goal hasn't come without its fair share of headaches, but the teamwork and collaboration to make this happen has been nothing short of spectacular. Hats off to the team at Ragsdale, as well as everyone else who worked towards this goal behind the scenes.

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Birthdays This Week

Ryan Pounds - Myrl & Roy's
Gaylord Clark - Dell Rapids Shop
Anthony Cottrell - West Farm Shop
Richard Walleen - Hawarden
Elijah Triplett - Dell Rapids East
Lyle Woods - Myrl & Roy's

LGE Holiday Schedule

As the holiday season approaches, we want to share the dates our company will observe for the upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving Holiday

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27
- Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 28

Christmas Holiday

- Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24
- Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

Zachary Vallee - Myrl & Roy's

Arlene Hatle - Myrl & Roy's

Julius Salas - Dell Rapids East

New Year's Holiday

- New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1

If you have any questions, you can contact HR at HR@lgeverist.com.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Saturday, November 15th, volunteers rang bells throughout the day for the red kettles in Sioux Falls, SD. If you would like to volunteer with the Salvation Army this holiday season, [visit this site](#) to find opportunities near you!



Jammie Koepp & Cyrus Kezar



Owen Matson



Megan Barkley

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