

Appendix C Reclamation Photos

Russian Thistle at Spring Peak Drill Pads--Before Reclamation



Spring Peak drill site 18--pad put in and drilled in 2023, reclaimed late 2024
--Russian thistle prior to reclamation
photo taken Jul 28, 2024



Spring Peak drill site 14--pad put in 2020, drilled in 2023, not yet reclaimed--Russian thistle on the pad's berm
photo taken Dec 9, 2023



Spring Peak drill site 13, pad put in 2020, drilled in 2023, reclaimed late 2024--Russian thistle around the edges of the pad
photo taken Jul 28, 2024

Russian Thistle Along Berms of Temporary Roads at Spring Peak--Before Reclamation



Russian thistle along the road berm, road was put in 2020 and hasn't yet been reclaimed
Photo taken Nov 14, 2023



Same road, now cheatgrass covers the road berm
Photo taken May 23, 2025

Cheatgrass on Reclaimed Drill Pads at Spring Peak--the spring after seeding



Spring Peak Drill Site 24
covered in cheatgrass
May 23, 2025



Spring Peak Drill Site 24
covered in cheatgrass and other weeds
July 24, 2025

Reclaimed Drill Pads at Spring Peak--two springs after seeding (May 11, 2026)



Spring Peak drill site 1: about 10 sulphur buckwheat,
40 small sagebrush plants, 2 rockcress,
cheatgrass, and bare areas.



Spring Peak drill site 4: better. Many small sagebrush,
plants and bare areas.



Spring Peak drill site 5: 12 small sagebrush, 4 woodrose, 1 sulphur buckwheat, and cheatgrass



Spring Peak drill site 18: many small sagebrush and Great Basin wildrye, cheatgrass, large patch of Russian thistle and bare areas



Spring Peak drill site 23: 1 sulphur buckwheat, 2 small sagebrush, 3 rabbitbrush, a cover of cheatgrass



Spring Peak drill site 24: 9 rabbitbrush, 16 Great Basin wildrye, 1 tumblemustard, a cover of cheatgrass

Non-Native Rocky Mountain Bee Plants on Reclaimed Drill Pads at Spring Peak (July 24, 2025)



Spring Peak drill site 1--reclaimed in 2024



Spring Peak drill site 4--reclaimed in 2024

Compare Criteria

Drill Site 5



Spring Peak drill site 5 before being prepped for drilling, June 2020, 7 years after the wildfire. Native grasses (native to the area?), wildrose, cheatgrass. Drill site 5 is only 80' from an ephemeral stream.



Spring Peak drill site 5, 2 springs after it was reclaimed. One more year to go. It will be all cheatgrass by then



Do we want to match this vegetation? Is the grass by the road, on the seed list? Is it disturbed land by sheep?

Drill site 13



8 months after reclamation: bee plant, tumbledustard, and Russian thistle, chip bags



18 months after reclamation: 16 sagebrush, 3 yellow rabbitbrush, 8 sulphur buckwheat, GBWR, Russian thistle, cheatgrass, tumbledustard, and chip bags



Adjacent area to the east of the parcel, Great Basin Wildrye, cheatgrass



Adjacent area to the west of the parcel, mostly Great Basin wildrye

The area across the road, south side of the road is a much more mature area.