



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

December 5, 2016

Lance Baller
High Speed Mining, LLC
8480 East Orchard Rd, Suite 3600
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

RE: Katuska Pit; DRMS File No. M-1991-037; Notice of Citizen Complaint

Dear Mr. Baller,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a complaint against the above referenced operation on December 1, 2016. A copy of the complaint letter has been enclosed for your records. The Division is currently reviewing the permit and will contact you if it is determined that an inspection is warranted.

If you have any questions, you may call me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure (1)

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS



**STATE OF
COLORADO**

Cunningham - DNR, Michael <michaela.cunningham@state.co.us>

Complaint, re: "Katuska Pit" file #M1991037 316 Mining, LLC/ High Speed Mining

1 message

rrindsig@mchsi.com <rindsig@mchsi.com>

Thu, Dec 1, 2016 at 9:47 AM

To: michaela.cunningham@state.co.us

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Thank you for taking the time to visit with me today about the apparent un-permitted mining activity at the "Katuska Pit", also known as Fairplay Placer mine (file #M1991037), by 316 Mining, LLC, an Oregon LLC not registered to do business in Colorado.

I hereby file a COMPLAINT alleging that 316 Mining, LLC and/or High Speed Mining violated the terms of the permit for this mine by mining beyond the permitted area.

Per the 1991 permit map, the permitted area was an area devoid of vegetation which had been previously mined.

Aerial photos available for viewing on Google Earth show a bare area consistent with the boundaries of the 1991 permit map from 1999 until the most recent photo, dated 9/8/2016.

This photo shows new recent mining activity south of the boundary described in the permit map (area with no vegetation) extending into an area with vegetation/trees to the south.

This new area includes ponds and roads, and shows that many trees were removed.

Clearly, this area had not been previously mined, and so it was beyond the limits of the permit.

I also assert that 316 Mining, LLC, an Oregon LLC, was not registered to conduct business in Colorado.

I also assert that 316 Mining, LLC unlawfully registered the Katuska Pit (Fairplay Placer mine) as a NEW MINE with the MSHA, receiving a new MSHA mine ID (05-05067) for an already existing mine (ID 05-04551).

Based on our telephone discussion today, I trust you will give this matter prompt attention.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robin Rindsig
515-418-8612