



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

December 12, 2016

**Re: Possible Illegal Mining Operation near Lake John; Anonymous Complaints  
Investigation; File No. M-2016-078**

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) has received several anonymous complaints of possible illegal mining activity near Lake John in Jackson County. The Division has scheduled two trips to Lake John to investigate the complaints, however due to winter weather conditions the trips were postponed because of the winter driving conditions.

As a permitted mine operator in Jackson County, the Division requests you contact the Division if you have information regarding any unpermitted extraction activity near Lake John in Jackson County. Any information provided can be kept confidential, if preferred.

Google Earth maps of the possible location of the mining activity are attached.

Please contact me at [peter.hays@state.co.us](mailto:peter.hays@state.co.us) or (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8124.

Sincerely,

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