



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

April 13, 2017

Jodi Fitzpatrick  
Sanborn Sand and Gravel dba  
Golden Cross Aggregate  
601 Bath Street  
Metairie, LA 70001

RE: Gloria Z Mine; DRMS File No. M-1984-094; Notice of Complaint Against Mining  
Operation

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a complaint against the above referenced operation on April 7, 2017. 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, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Complaint Letter

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS



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Cunningham - DNR, Michael &lt;michaela.cunningham@state.co.us&gt;

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**repeated unsafe sheer walls on Gloria Z/Sanborn mine**

1 message

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**Linda Balough** <linda.balough@gmail.com>  
To: michaela.cunningham@state.co.us

Fri, Apr 7, 2017 at 10:22 AM

As shown in these photos a pit dug at the Gloria Z / Sanborn mine has unsupported sheer walls that are many feet tall.

This mine located just north of Fairplay is owned by Mike Pfeister, Permit # M-1984-094. The height of the sheer walls of this pit seems to present a real safety concern for mine workers. I understand this is not the first time the mine has dug a pit with unsupported sides and was cited for the safety infraction. While I have no objection to mining, I am concerned when I see something that could be dangerous and cast a bad light on Park County miners (especially when it is likely to be shown on a major TV show across the country).

Also, I understand that the same operators are interested in mining on Pennsylvania Mountain, a location well known for rare and endangered plants, important wildlife habitat, and conservation research. I have concerns about possible lack of proper stewardship of these resources if the operator is allowed to mine in this area.

Thank you for looking into this matter..

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Linda Balough  
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**2 attachments**

**Gloria Sanborn mine Fairplay April 2017.jpg**  
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**Sanborn mine north of Fairplay April 2017.jpg**  
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