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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 16, 2017

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

**RE: Objections to 112 Hard Rock Conversion Application; Fairplay Au Pit;
DRMS File No. M-1991-037**

Dear Mr. Baller,

The Division has received a timely objection to the Fairplay Au Pit conversion application. The objection was received within the public comment period that began when the application was called complete for the purposes of filing on March 28, 2017, and before the public comment period ends on May 18, 2017.

Timely objection received:

1. On May 12, 2017, the Division received an objection from Ann Lukacs, dated May 12, 2017.

A copy of the written objection has been enclosed for your records. Please inform the Division how the Applicant intends to address the jurisdictional issues raised by the timely Objectors.

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

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Objection Letter (1)

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS
Ben Langenfeld, Greg Lewicki and Associates



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Mr. Michael Cunningham
CO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION
MINING AND SAFETY

RE: FORMAL OBJECTION . Katuska Pit aka Fairplay Au Pit
DRMS File #M-1991-037

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

I am filing a **formal objection** to the request from High Speed Mining, LLC to obtain a 112 permit. My reasons include:

- This would increase their area from 8 acres to 41.4 acres. This increase would have a major negative impact on the neighboring residential areas.
- As currently zoned, approximately 28 acres would be on RESIDENTIAL zoned property. This is in violation of Park County regulations.
- High Speed Mining, LLC has a history of "non-compliance" and "bending and breaking the rules" as evidenced in DRMS records. Recently, they knowingly operated on 2.4 acres outside their permitted area. They continue to do so.
- DRMS recently sent Katuska a notice of non-compliance. Yet, you are considering an appeal to using their ponds which are on residential land.
- Recently, High Speed Mining, LLC has been allowing the "Gold Rush" TV show to operate under their permit. While High Speed Mining may try to separate the TV production from mining, they are in fact a part of the operation. The TV production provides funding to supplement the mining activities done by their mining operators. Raw TV is producing the show and controlling where they shoot. They are for all intent and purposes, the employer. The Certificate of Insurance lists Raw TV as the responsible entity for the show and all aspects associated with it.

Since all of the issues hinge on the results of the Park County Rezoning Hearings, I would request you delay all DRMS decisions until after the zoning is resolved.

Sincerely,

Ann Lukacs
P O Box 366
Fairplay, CO 80440