

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

August 3, 2017

Colleen Barker, Emily Rogers 18051 FM 1660 Taylor, TX 78574

Re: Golden Rose Complex, File No. M-2017-023, Request for Information

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

On July 19, 2017 an inspection was conducted on your property by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Minerals program (Division). The inspection was conducted in response to the report of a possible unpermitted mining operation located in La Plata Canyon, in La Plata County. For record keeping purposes the site was named the Golden Rose Complex, and given the file no. M-2017-023. Details of the inspection can be found in the enclosed Inspection Report.

Based on the information included in the anonymous complaint, as well as the evidence observed during this inspection the Division believes these activities are at the threshold for requiring a permit from this office. The observations indicate that this work was completed with the intention to begin prospecting or mining in the future, which will require either a 110(1) Permit or a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI).Please be aware that failure to obtain a permit may result in an enforcement action that would include obtaining a permit, civil penalties, and a cease and desist order. A course of action the Division would prefer to avoid through voluntary communication and compliance.

The Division asks that the Landowner or a representative thereof complete and return the enclosed "Is it Mining Questionnaire" to assist in the further evaluation of the completed and proposed work at the site by no later than **September 15, 2017**. The questionnaire should be returned to the Division's Denver Office at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, attention Russ Means.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me, Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas West



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Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203 **Phone:** (970)-243-6368

- Enclosure: Is it Mining Questionnaire M-2017-023 Inspection Report
- Cc: Russ Means, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist Walt Brown, USFS

