



Illegal Mining Complaint Received 7/31/19

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Mon, Aug 12, 2019 at 11:41 AM

Hi Brad,

Per our recent phone conversation, I'm attaching a copy of the anonymous complaint we received on 7/31/2019 regarding suction dredging that occurred in Beaver Creek on West Magnolia USFS property.

As I described on the phone, my agency must follow up on an illegal mining complaint to determine whether a permit or prospecting Notice of Intent is required.

I plan to conduct an inspection of the site along with Mike Johnson of USFS on Wed, 8/14. We plan to meet at 9:30 am in the small parking area just south of Co Hwy 132, approximately 1 mile west of Peak to Peak Hwy (see attached screen capture of meeting point). It would be good if you or a representative could be present for the inspection to explain the activities that occurred.

You can contact me on my mobile the day of the inspection at: 303-945-9014.

In the mean time, feel free to contact me at the office # below with any questions.

Thanks,

Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist



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2 attachments



M2019-042_Complaint_Anonymous_20190731.pdf
2165K



M2019-042_Meeting-Point_Complaint-Inspection_20190814.pdf
602K

DRMS Complaint Intake Tool

By Submitting this form you are requesting an investigation of compliance with DRMS rules.



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DRMS Internal Information

Select Permit Type *

Minerals

Permit No List *

M2019042

Date of Complaint

07/31/2019

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

*** Indicates a Required Field**

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Connection to Incident *

Select all that apply

☐ Land Owner

☐ Mineral Owner

☒ Nearby Resident

☒ Observed Incident

☐ Other

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: Please provide as much detail related to location and issue as possible. Without enough detail, DRMS will not be able to process or investigate the complaint and, therefore, DRMS will have no choice but to discard the complaint.

Location of Concern *

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the location. If available, please include Township, Range and Section, physical address, or GPS location. You may also upload a pdf map below.

T1S R73W South East Corner of Section 26. GPS 39.555357, -105.311980 South of Nederland CO located on North Beaver Creek on West Magnolia USFS property. West of Los Lagos ranch. Best accessed on FS road 335, or onto the "school bus" trail.

Incident County *

Boulder County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management / Dumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs and Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Overburden / Development Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling and Grading |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erosion / Sedimentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Damage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Topsoil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

Detailed description of the issue(s) * (?)

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the issue(s).

I was made aware of the incident through a call from a friend and walked up to the area to investigate, where I witnessed the following on 7/27/19: An individual Kevin Singel hosted a paid "30 person suction dredging class" on a mining claim that he filed in that area. On 7/26- 7/28 2019, 30 people simultaneously operated over 6 pieces of motorized mining equipment on a very small stream system, resulting in highly sedimented brown water flowing downstream into our property and into our lake where we operate a fishing club. The poor water quality was bad enough that we are concerned about the ongoing health of our fish. No settlement pond or filtration was used by Kevin Singel and students. Additionally, motorized vehicles were used on non motorized trails to access the site, including trespassing across the Los Lagos Ranch ditch system.

Have you contacted the operator or party conducting the operation? If yes, please provide details. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

During my visit to the site on 7/27/19 I made contact with an individual (unknown if it was Kevin Singel) in the party and asked if they had a mining claim, which they responded yes. I also asked if they were allowed to use mechanized equipment, which they replied yes. I later discovered an advertisement for the "class" on Facebook where I learned about why there was such a large group. Images of the Facebook add are attached.

If known, please provide the name of the operator or party conducting the operation.

Kevin Singel

If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M-1970-111 or P-1970-111).

Must be entered in the following format: M1970111 or P1970111 (No dashes allowed)

Have you contacted any other agencies or local governments related to this issue or issues? If so, please provide details. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

Mike Johnson with the USFS has been made aware of the incident and is investigating.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

[View Attachments in WebLink](#)

Attachments are accepted for informational purposes only. Action by DRMS requires a direct observation by DRMS staff.

What is your preferred method for DRMS to communicate with you throughout the investigation? *

Select all that apply

☐ Phone ☒ E-mail ☐ US Mail



There is parking for all vehicles. Doesn't have to off road. I will pick you up from the lower parking lot.

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 - Dig as long as you possibly can, then hit your tent, wake up and do it all again!!!**
 - All meals provided—Friday Lunch through Sunday Breakfast**
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- Payment through Facebook or Venmo (contact Brad Jacobson)**

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Mike Edmonds
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Get your spot soon!!!! 7202198550 or PM me with questions.

1 night is now 100.00. 2 nights is now 160.00

Steak saturday night. Everyone who pays for 2 nights leaves with a gram of gold on top of what you find.

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Meet Mike Johnson USFS

Co Hwy 132-W

Turn left onto County Hwy 132-W

Turn right onto CO-119/CO-72 W

Peak to Peak Hwy

Co Hwy 132-N

Aspen Rd

1706 ft

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Imagery Date: 10/9/2015 39°56'27.54" N 105°30'57.72" W elev 0 ft eye alt 7378 ft