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## Fwd: Gem area is in the County

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**Ebert - DNR, Jared** <jared.ebert@state.co.us>

Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 12:11 PM

To: Bryan McFarland <bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com>

Cc: Ken Vandyne <kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us>, Andy City administrator <admin@idahospringsco.com>, Barbara Cole <barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org>

Thank you Bryan,

I appreciate the quick reply. Based on the information that has been provided to me it does not appear mining of construction or hardrock material is occurring or is being proposed and the development is not related to any mining activities. I will pass this information on to the concerned citizen.

Thank you again for your time and assistance, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Jared

On Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM Bryan McFarland <bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com> wrote:

Jared,

Ken forwarded your email and I responded prior to seeing your email. Please see my response below and don't hesitate to call should you have any further questions.

Thank you.

Bryan C. McFarland  
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Development Partner  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bryan McFarland <bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com>  
**Date:** September 25, 2020 at 9:54:33 AM MDT  
**To:** Ken Van Dyne <kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us>  
**Subject: Re: Gem area is in the County**

Ken,

As you are aware we are using the Gem site for construction staging only, IE parking equipment and storing materials etc. We will not be mining the tailings/waste rock.

We are engaged with the city, county and CDPHE for the construction at the lower landing next to the Argo Mill as required, but none of the construction at the upper landing (which is 1/2 mile south of the Gem site) affects any mine tailings/waste rock. The Gem site is our staging area for the upper landing project.

Thank you.

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On Sep 25, 2020, at 9:05 AM, Ken Van Dyne <[kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us)> wrote:

Hi Bryan-

If you have a rebuttal response to this, I will include it in the report.

Thanks!

-Ken

**From:** Ebert - DNR, Jared <[jared.ebert@state.co.us](mailto:jared.ebert@state.co.us)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 8:08 AM

**To:** Barbara Cole <[barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org](mailto:barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org)>; Ken Van Dyne <[kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us)>; Bryan McFarland <[bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com](mailto:bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com)>

**Cc:** Andrew Marsh, City Administrator <[admin@idahospringsco.com](mailto:admin@idahospringsco.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Gem area is in the County

Thank you Barb,

Ken and Bryan, just so you are aware of the nature of my inquiry, our Division received an email from an individual raising concerns about the possible disturbance of tailings piles to facilitate a development in the area, in particular near an area known as the Gem Mine near Santa Fe Mine Road and Virginia Canyon Road. It is my understanding based on information provided by Ms. Cole that the development in question pertains to the proposed Virginia Mountain Park and is connected with other development plans for the Argo Mine site for tourism purposes.

I need to confirm that material is not being mined at the site for construction and/or metalurgic purposes?

Also, according to Ms. Cole the proposed development is working though many regulatory agencies including the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, I assume this includes construction and stormwater permits for the purposes of protecting water quality. Am I correct in that assumption?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this further. I would like to respond to the citizen who raised these concerns and close out this issue in a timely fashion, I appreciate your help in this matter .

Thank you,

Jared

On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 1:23 PM Barbara Cole <[barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org](mailto:barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org)> wrote:

Jared- It has been brought to my attention that the Gem Mine and staging area- if that is the area of concern at this point in time, is located in Clear Creek County. Ken is the contact person. IF there are concerns done the road about the parking deck, then that project is in the City. The gondola is within the City once the annexation of the upper landing becomes final. IF you wish to speak to the developer, Bryan is the person that can answer construction related items. Barb

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan McFarland <[bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com](mailto:bryanmcfarland@mightyargo.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:16 PM  
To: Barbara Cole <[barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org](mailto:barbcole@communitymattersinstitute.org)>  
Cc: Ken Vandyne <[kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:kvandyne@clearcreekcounty.us)>; Travis Cook <[traviscook@mightyargo.com](mailto:traviscook@mightyargo.com)>; Mary Jane Loevlie <[maryjaneloevlie@mightyargo.com](mailto:maryjaneloevlie@mightyargo.com)>  
Subject: County

Barb I've copied Ken here, please share his email with whomever you are speaking with at Mines.

Thanks for your help!

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**\*I am working remotely, please feel free to call my cell at (720) 413-6466**

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