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Ferrero Pit, M2000-028, Yellow Starthistle

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To: "Lennberg - DNR, Patrick" <patrick.lennberg@state.co.us>

Good afternoon Patrick, I spoke with the mine operator and checked out the yellow star thistle report. Good news, it is not yellow starthistle! It is the native lookalike **buffalo burr** *Solanum rostratum*. Buffalo burr is fairly widespread throughout the county and aside from being ugly, it is a member of the nightshade family and is highly toxic. I will make contact with Mike and let him know what I have found if you like. I have attached a photo of the plants that I found onsite just to make sure we were looking at the same thing.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Have a good day!

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"To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."

-Henry David Thoreau

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