



November 30, 2021

Richard Mittasch
Grand Island Resources LLC
P.O. Box 3395
4415 Caribou Rd
Nederland, CO 80466

RE: Cross Gold Mine, Permit No. M-1977-410, Notice of Citizen Complaints Received

Mr. Mittasch:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has received the following complaints against the above referenced operation (complaints sent to you on November 22, 2021 are differentiated with gray text):

- 1) Complaint from Anonymous, received on November 21, 2021.
- 2) Complaint from Cody Newman, received on November 21, 2021.
- 3) Complaint from Julia German, received on November 25, 2021.
- 4) Complaint from Anonymous, received on November 28, 2021.
- 5) Complaint from Anonymous, received on November 28, 2021.
- 6) Complaint from Natalie Longhini, received on November 28, 2021.
- 7) Complaint from Anonymous, received on November 29, 2021.
- 8) Complaint from Lisa McCoy, received on November 29, 2021.
- 9) Complaint from Deborah Seigel, received on November 29, 2021.

Copies of the additional complaint letters received are enclosed for your records. Please respond to the issues raised in these letters no later than **December 22, 2021**. This response may be submitted via email.

The Division is reviewing the permit and will contact you if an inspection is warranted.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at amy.eschberger@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist



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Cc: Daniel Pollock, Grand Island Resources LLC
Michael Cunningham, DRMS

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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Date of Complaint

11/25/2021

*** Indicates a Required Field**

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your First Name *

Julia

Your Last Name *

German

Your Address *

582 Beaver Creek Dr

Your City *

Nederland

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80466

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail and copy of your Complaint form.

juliagerman26@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up. Please enter phone number in this format: (Example) 123-456-7890

303-725-4188

Alternate Phone Number

Used only to follow up. Please enter phone number in this format: (Example) 123-456-7890

303-725-4188

Connection to Incident *

Select all that apply

☒ Land Owner

☒ Nearby Resident

☐ Other

☐ Mineral Owner

☐ Observed Incident

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

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The caribou and cross mines have been cited as in violating water protection laws in at least the following ways:

1. Failure to minimize disturbances to the prevailing hydrologic balance of the affected land & surroundings.
2. Does not have approved spill prevention, control & countermeasure.
3. Land affected outside approved permit boundaries.

A cease and desist was issued and has been lifted, and additional violations have occurred. As a downstream property owner whose water comes from a well, along with hundreds of my neighbors, my health, safety, and property rights are being harmed by these violations, in addition to the environment.

As an effected party, I would like to see a cease and desist put back in place, so mine operations are not continuing in violation. Additionally, due to the ongoing nature of the mismanagement of the mines, their requests to expand operations should be denied.

Incident County *

Boulder County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

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

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We are currently doing testing to understand the extent of the impact to our individual property. Community organization around this threat is currently underway. We have extensive documentation, however this is in large part already included in the public of the record of violations.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Cross and Caribou Mines

If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M1970111 or P1970111).

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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DRMS Internal Information

Select Permit Type *

Minerals

Permit No List *

M1977410

Date of Complaint

11/28/2021

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

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Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Cross Gold Mine, Grand Island Resources LLC, significant non-compliance with regard to the effluent limitations of discharge permit including cadmium, copper, lead, silver and zinc after multiple compliance advisory letters since May 2020, which last was sent Aug 20, 2021. Given this pattern of violations, it begs the question if first they should be approved for expansion - no, they should not; second, how have these continuous violations poisoned the drinking water and environment downstream from these headwaters feeding Boulder County and Boulder City residents - one residents water showed significantly increased lead levels; and third, their request for expansion does not account for substantially increased massively heavy daily truck traffic through residential neighborhoods disrupting quiet mountain lifestyles and trashing roads.

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to request the expansion and renewal permit for the Grand Island Resources (a Foreign Limited Liability Company - State ID#20171702510), Caribou Road mining operation be denied based on their utter failure to fulfill their legal duty to protect water downstream from their mining operation.

At this very moment they are under a cease and desist order for water pollution discovered but not remedied for over a year between November 2020 - August 2021 - November 2021
(<https://coloradonewslines.com/2021/11/17/cdphe-alleges-water-quality-violations-by-boulder-county-mining-company/>).

This foreign company should not be rewarded with an expansion, and their renewal permit be denied to protect our watershed.

They have proven over the past year they are not worthy stewards of our environment and of our precious resource, water. At the least, this foreign company needs to prove they can manage what they currently are mining without dumping toxins into the Boulder County, Boulder City and Nederland watershed.

On top of illegally dumping toxins into the headwaters; their request for expansion does not account for the massive impact their continually running trucks will have on residents, wildlife, and the dirt road of Caribou or the newly finished Canyon Road.

Tom Hendricks never intended his mine to be exploited in this manner.

They should be denied further expansion or operation within Boulder County limits in an effort to protect the drinking water for Boulder County and Boulder City residents; and protect the quiet lifestyle so many enjoy on Caribou Road and throughout the Town of Nederland.

I look forward to your decision in this critical matter concerning water and environmental water safety for Boulder County and Boulder City residents and wildlife. It'd be a tragedy to have another toxic mining water disaster due to one mining company; and we know history reflects it will happen. There's a reason mines don't operate within headwaters jurisdiction - you can't drink gold.

Thank you,

A resident of Caribou Road who will be having their water tested for contaminants next week. Another Caribou Road resident found lethal amounts of lead in their previously clean well and installed a \$6,000 water system to remove the lead.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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.

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Photo 47. View looking north at nine super sacks filled with sludge removed from settling ponds, currently stored on top of existing waste rock pile in Caribou Mine area. Operator will need to perform additional lab testing on this material to determine an appropriate disposal location.

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Minerals

Permit No List *

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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Cross and Caribou Mines at 4415 Caribou Rd.

Incident County *

Boulder County

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Operator has repeatedly violated the Colorado Water Quality Control Act and the current discharge permit for Lead, Zinc, Silver, Cadmium, and Copper repeatedly (in 2021 alone in January, March, April, June, and August - and didn't even report Cadmium in March and April. There is no indication that these violations are stopping. Additionally, the operator has applied for a significant expansion of their operations putting the local community along Coon Track Creek, Caribou Rd, Barker Reservoir, and ultimately users of Boulder drinking water at increased risk from these pollutants. Furthermore the mining operations seeks to move up to 70,000 tons of materials from the mine. This has to be transported on a narrow, curving, steep, dirt road with blind switchbacks that serves the local community and already sees heavy recreational traffic at times. This road is also essential for firefighting and rescue operations and 20+ trucks moving on this road daily would likely lead to heavy impact to road safety, traffic flow, dust, and road damage - not even talking about the impact to quality of life of all neighbors downstream and along the roads, including users of Boulder Canyon (or whatever Canyon the mine owners plan to use).

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Grand Island Resources LLC

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Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your First Name *

Natalie

Your Last Name *

Longhini

Your Address *

1634 Caribou Road

Your City *

Nederland

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80466

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail and copy of your Complaint form.

n_longhini@yahoo.it

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up. Please enter phone number in this format: (Example) 123-456-7890

720-530-8002

Alternate Phone Number

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303-258-0509

Connection to Incident *

Select all that apply

☐ Land Owner

☒ Nearby Resident

☐ Other

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Caribou Mine 4596-440 Caribou Road, Nederland, CO 80466

Incident County *

Boulder County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

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I live downhill (3.5 miles) from the Cross and Caribou Mine (on Caribou Road and the Coon Track Creek runs through our property. I am concerned about the Caribou Mine which has been served with a water quality violation. The discharge of heavy metals affects our home, our neighbors, our safety, our health and may potentially destroy the value of our homes. In addition, they have trucks & heavy machinery driving on narrow, dirt roads that run past our homes - the high volume, increased dust, erosion and speed is extremely unsafe.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Grand Island Resources LLC

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M1977410

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Connection to Incident *

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Caribou/Cross Mine on Caribou Road - discharge of pollutants into the Coon Track Creek

Incident County *

Boulder County

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

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It has come to my knowledge that the Grand Resources mining company has repeatedly been in violation of their NPDES permit - with excessive illegal amounts of lead, copper, silver and cadmium being discharged into Coon Track Creek. This creek runs through my property and my family and I spend many days with children playing it, the dogs drinking out of it and watching wildlife meander down to drink.

None of us along Caribou Road were aware of the excessive pollutants and we were never made aware of the permitting issues. In addition, we were not aware that the mine was wanting to expand their operation. We are all very upset that the mountain ear was the paper they advertised in and that they were not required to notify people on the road.

At this point, I do not feel safe allowing friends, family etc to access the creek and use its water. This is a violation of my rights as a property owner to have polluted water running through the middle of my property. I understand this is an old mine but the current situation is not accessible. We need far more oversight and testing ALONG the creek.

In addition, I read through the documents on our online portal. This mine has allegedly dumped 300 gallons of diesel fuel in March 2020 - when your division went to inspect there was snow on the ground, they denied it and that was that. However, all of us along the creek had noticed that summer the rainbow green of oil contaminating our creek. In addition, on occasion we still do see that. We have also seen some intense yellow slime and excessive green algae that never occurred in our creek until the past two summers.

Another concern about this mining company is the "emergency" removal of sludge that they conducted without contacting regulatory agencies. As of yet, no one in our group has gotten an answer of what the laboratory results of that sludge composition was, and where it was deposited. Is anyone monitoring what happens to the pond sludge? We were also concerned to see these 9 bags of sludge just sitting on a rock pile, half opened and not contained when there is a possibility they contain hazardous waste.

We were also concerned that in the violation notice it appears they are not even reporting their cadmium results. Why is the state not doing testing of its own?

Lastly, I believe their bond is far too low. They have repeated violations and \$37,000 wouldn't clean up a dilapidated house in Boulder County, let alone an oozing mine.

It is the state that permitted this operation to begin with and as taxpaying citizens, we are asking you to make sure that our water is safe. We believe they should NOT be allowed to conduct any expansion of mining operations and that the state and local authorities need to be carefully monitoring all activities at the mine like a hawk. This is the headwaters of Boulder's drinking water.

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

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

I am contacting Boulder County as well.

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Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

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Your First Name *

Lisa

Your Last Name *

McCoy

Your Address *

1327 Caribou Rd.

Your City *

Nederland

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

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Email Address *

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Our address is 1327 Caribou Rd. Our property goes down to Coon Track Creek. Our well is 180 feet deep. Two neighbors have tested their well and have had a significant amount of lead in their water. The Nederland Mine up at Caribou has had a cease and desist order because of violations of the Clean Water Act. They have dumped up to 4 times the legal health limit of heavy metals into Coon Track creek. We are waiting for our well test results.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Plan Compliance | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erosion / Sedimentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting | <input 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).

Concerned about heavy metal contamination in the creek, watershed, and in our well water.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M1970111 or P1970111).

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Select all that apply

☐ Phone ☒ E-mail ☐ US Mail

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From: **Deb Seigel** <daseigel@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 7:42 PM

Subject: Caribou Watershed--concerns about the mining operation

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Good evening,

I write to express my concerns about the practices of the mining company at the top of Caribou Road. I've lived on Caribou Road for over 30 years and have recently heard the news of this mining company flushing heavy metal contaminants into our watershed. How irresponsible! The creek that runs from atop Caribou Road runs through my property and now I must have my well water tested. Who are these people? Do they know what they are doing? And, I hear they even requested an expansion for their operations!!! Apparently, they don't have the knowledge nor care about the safety of those around, not even the land itself.

So I ask, what is Boulder County (it's eventually your water too!) and the State of Colorado doing to help with this situation, to demand ecologically responsible clean-up as well as ecologically sound operations to ensure safety of all the people, fauna and flora in the immediate area as well as downstream? There are a lot of people affected by this Grand Island Resources Mining company's actions. I'm forced to drink bottled water now as I await the results of water testing and I still worry about bathing, washing clothes, mopping floors, and all the people downstream.

Please, look deeply into this and make them responsible. We're all watching!

Thank you for your work.

Peace your way,

Deborah Seigel

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