



December 20, 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 previously 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.
- 10) Complaint from Anonymous, received on November 30, 2021.
- 11) Complaint from Amanda Kneer, received on December 1, 2021.
- 12) Complaint from Lauren Trojan, received on December 2, 2021.
- 13) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 2, 2021.
- 14) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 2, 2021.
- 15) Complaint from Carole Buhlman, received on December 4, 2021.
- 16) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 5, 2021.
- 17) Complaint from Douglas DeVoto, received on December 5, 2021.
- 18) Complaint from Janet Davis, received on December 5, 2021.
- 19) Complaint from Whitney Yeldell, received on December 5, 2021.
- 20) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 21) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 22) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 23) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 24) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.



- 25) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 26) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 6, 2021.
- 27) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 7, 2021.
- 28) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 7, 2021.
- 29) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 8, 2021.
- 30) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 8, 2021.
- 31) Complaint from Diane MacDonald, received on December 8, 2021.
- 32) Complaint from Edward Harrison, received on December 8, 2021.
- 33) Complaint from Patricia Dowd, received on December 8, 2021.
- 34) Complaint from Sarah Rosenblum, received on December 8, 2021.
- 35) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 9, 2021.
- 36) Complaint from Kristen Nielson, received on December 9, 2021.
- 37) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 9, 2021.
- 38) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 10, 2021.
- 39) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 10, 2021.
- 40) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 10, 2021.
- 41) Complaint from Jill Dreves, received on December 10, 2021.
- 42) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 11, 2021.
- 43) Complaint from Nancy Bodnar, received on December 11, 2021.
- 44) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 12, 2021.
- 45) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 13, 2021.
- 46) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 13, 2021.
- 47) Complaint from Guy Seebohm, received on December 13, 2021.
- 48) Complaint from Lori Abel, received on December 13, 2021.
- 49) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 15, 2021.

A copy of the additional complaint letter received is enclosed for your records. Please respond to the issues raised in these letters no later than **January 11, 2022**. 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](mailto:amy.eschberger@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



Amy Eschberger  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Encls: Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 15, 2021

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

## DRMS Complaint Intake Tool

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



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

### DRMS Internal Information

**Select Permit Type \***

Minerals

**Permit No List \***

M1977410

**Date of Complaint**

12/15/2021

### COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

**\* Indicates a Required Field**

**Do you wish to remain anonymous? \***

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Connection to Incident \***

Select all that apply

- ☒ Land Owner  
☐ Nearby Resident  
☐ Other

- ☐ Mineral Owner  
☐ Observed Incident

### 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.

Cross and Caribou Mine... Beaver Creek and Coon Track Creek

**Incident County \***

Boulder County

**Is this an ongoing issue(s)?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Nature of Complaint \*

Select all that apply

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage                           |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife                              | <input 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).

I watched some of the hearing today and have read through some of the documents. My wife and I own land along Beaver Creek and I believe she wrote a complaint earlier this month. After watching the hearing I wanted to commend the board and staff for DRMS.

We have had our land over 30 years in addition to owning a house down in Boulder. We are taxpaying citizens and I did not appreciate the mining company ,that has been violating their permit without notifying their neighbors downstream, trying to paint public participants as out of line. I had not complained before hearing those comments, but now I feel the need to write in. I am in my late 80s and public participation is crucial to our democracy. I feel as if the public has been kept in the dark, and after today's hearing it seems that communication in general has been less than forthcoming from this mining operation.

I would like to see their expansion permit be opened back up to public comment and we all work together to make sure that this is an operation that fits with our community AND that they work within their permits. The state, the community, the county government and the mining company all need to work together if they are going to expand their operations.

I knew Tom for 30 years. He was a good man and its a shame that this is what is happening at his mine, after his passing.

The water needs to be protected. I did not appreciate the conversation about well water vs surface water. ALL the water needs to be protected. For the aquatic life, for the food chain that depends on aquatic life and for boulder county residents below who drink from Barker Reservoir. Bio accumulation is real, and the mine needs to be responsible for cleaning up their water and communicating with the state and local residents.

### 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 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

### 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