

December 22, 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 Seeborn, received on December 13, 2021.
- 48) Complaint from Lori Abel, received on December 13, 2021.
- 49) Complaint received from Timmy Duggan, received on December 14, 2021.
- 50) Complaint received from Hunter Wright, received on December 14, 2021.
- 51) Complaint from Anonymous, received on December 15, 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 **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.

Sincerely,



Amy Eschberger
Environmental Protection Specialist

Encls: Complaint from Timmy Duggan, received on December 14, 2021
Complaint from Hunter Wright, received on December 14, 2021

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

DRMS Complaint Intake Tool



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Department of Natural Resources

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

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Date of Complaint

12/14/2021

*** Indicates a Required Field**

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your First Name *

Timmy

Your Last Name *

Duggan

Your Address *

717 McMillen Way

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.

timmydugganinc@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

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

303-441-5611

Alternate Phone Number

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

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.

Caribou and Cross Mines, Nederland CO.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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).

There is an ongoing permit application that has been essentially modified since the public comment period closed. Violations have been reported since that time and the proposal itself has been fundamentally altered. Therefore we request that the application be reopened for public comment. The mine's discharge feeds into the drinking water for Boulder County residents, and flows through the property of hundreds of residents relying on well water for their homes. Several years of discharge reports have shown heavy metal discharge into the waterway. Daily sanctions have not been imposed, and should be, and further operations should be prohibited until it has been confirmed that ongoing discharge has ceased, and the risk to public health and safety abated. The expansion requests from this mine should not be considered or granted until such time as their current operations are lawful and the expansion is assured to pose no further risk.

Permit Number:

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.

Caribou and Cross Mines, Grand Island Resources, LLC

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)

M1977410

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

Mayor of Nederland

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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Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

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Your First Name *

Hunter

Your Last Name *

Wright

Your Address *

1234 Redwood Avenue

Your City *

Boulder

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80304

Email Address *

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

boulderwrights@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

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

303-883-6443

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Over the last year or so the formerly dormant Cross + Caribou Mine upstream from Nederland began activities at the mine. Turns out the new owners, Grand Island Resources, are not being good neighbors. In fact, they received a cease and desist order from the State of Colorado for repeated violations associated with the heavy metals that are leaking into our water supply.

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