



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

November 1, 2022

Chris Townsend
Titan Au, Inc.
8480 East Orchard Road
Suite 4900
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

RE: *Box Creek Placer Mine, Permit No. M-2018-053, Complaint Received*

Dear Mr. Townsend,

On Monday October 31, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a complaint for the above referenced site. The complaint (copy enclosed) specifically relates to excessive noise pollution which is not within the jurisdiction of the Division. A copy of this letter, as well as the complaint has been forwarded to the Lake County Planning Department for their consideration.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8187 or via email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Encl: Complaint Received, 10/31/2022

Cc: Travis Marshall, DRMS
Ann Schneider, Lake County

Ec: Kevin Brown, Complainant



Report Possible Violation/Illegal Activity



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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Note: You are requesting an investigation of a compliance issue with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions under review.

Date of Complaint

10/31/2022

***** *Indicates a Required Field*

This form is for requests to investigate compliance issues with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions.

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please note that, if you choose to remain anonymous, the complaint will be investigated but the Division will not contact you to follow up on the complaint.

Your First Name *

Kevin

Your Last Name *

Brown

Your Address *

700 Spruce Drive

Your City *

Twin Lakes

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

81251

Email Address *

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

brown.kdb@gmail.com

Your Phone Number *

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

303-522-8372

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Owner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nearby Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observed Incident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: You are requesting an investigation of a compliance issue with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions under review. 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.

Box Creek Placer Mine, operated by Titan AU off of Lake County road 24.

Township: 11S, Range: 80W, Sec: AC4

Incident County *

Lake County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |

Noise compliance

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

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the issue(s).

Greetings: I am a resident in the Pan-Ark subdivision. For residents on the north side of the development, the Box Creek Placer Mine is a source of constant noise pollution, due mainly to the sound of dumping rocks over grizzly bars into the trommel. On a recent walk, I noticed the wash plant positioned high up and very close to road 24. This positioning of the wash plant results in loudly audible mining noise throughout the course of the day, and I have even noticed the noise pollution happening on weekends. Please remedy this situation by requiring the wash plant to be set up in a more appropriate area so that the sound of the machinery does not constantly disturb the residents of Pan Ark, or any other surrounding residents. Thank you.

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.

Titan AU

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)

M2018053

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