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Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 8:36 AM

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Good Morning –

Matt, let me know what you find out from TWC about the status of the tunnel repairs and their permit. They still had their staging area on the west side when I was up there last summer. I haven't been to the east side in a couple years, but they were working on reclamation of that staging area at that time.

Robin, thanks for checking in with us. The tunnel, which transfers water from the Laramie River to the Poudre, has been there for over fifty years. TWC has been doing repair and stabilization work to the tunnel since around 2018, with some delays due to COVID. The road up to the site is gated and the tunnel intake/exit have grates. In my thirty plus years we've never had an issue with the public (or naughty teenagers).

But we do appreciate it when folks take the time to check in with us. Please don't hesitate to reach out in the future if you have any questions.

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Robin,

Thank you for sharing the information and pictures. The information provided by the BLM is correct; the Tunnel Company has an authorization to operate on National Forest in that area and we are following up with them to make sure they are following the terms and conditions of their authorization.

Thank you and if you have any other questions please let me know.

Respectfully,

**Matthew Jurak**  
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See below, BLM says its a permitted irrigation operation on USFS lands. It's a public health hazard, IMO, given the behavior of young humans.....gates or something seems like a good idea.

I found the attachment he sent didn't provide much useful info.

Be well. and if you can confirm his conclusion,,i'd be grateful.

ROBIN

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Good Morning Robin

After looking at the Master Title Plat, I found that this disturbance may associated with an authorized irrigation tunnel on USFS lands.

I have attached the serial register page for this right of way, it appears that what you photographed is the eastern terminus of the tunnel and the associated flume.

If you have ArcGis knowledge you can use this link <https://blm-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=59bfb9b9406d4a409e2f510bda9e409f> to confirm my finidngs.

If you have further questions you might inquire with the USFS in Fort Collins for the specifics regarding this authorization.

I hope this info is helpful to you and if you need further info from BLM, just give me a call.

Regards

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**From:** Robin O'Malley <[omalley.robin@gmail.com](mailto:omalley.robin@gmail.com)>  
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i think i got it right this time, grin...

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Hi -- attached are some images of the site from google earth, and then lat long info. The tailings pile is larger than in the picture, and i believe the imagery may date from as far back as 2019. The access road is a bit west of the site, and the site itself is not noticeable traveling east. The view below is traveling east (river downstream) from about where the access road hits Rt 14

Please let me know if I can help further.

Be well



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