



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

June 7, 2023

Robin O'Malley
1827 Prairie Ridge Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80526

RE: Illegal Mining Complaint; Poudre Canyon Mine; File No. M-2023-019

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

On June 5, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your illegal mining complaint for a site located in Larimer County, off of Route 14 in Poudre Canyon.

Based on information provided by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), which you were copied on, the disturbance observed at this site is associated with the Laramie-Poudre Tunnel project located on federal lands. The recent repair and stabilization work being conducted at this tunnel has been authorized by USFS, and any material excavated during this project is staying on federal lands.

The Division has determined that a permit is not required from our office for the activities occurring at this site in association with the tunnel project. However, if the nature of the project were to change (such as the excavated material being sold or otherwise introduced into the market and/or transported off of federal lands), a permit may be required.

Thank you for alerting our office to potential illegal mining activities.

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
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc: Nikie Gagnon, DRMS
Leslie McFadden, USFS
Matthew Jurak, USFS

