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## Complaint Received on 9/11/2023 - Adams County

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Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 3:13 PM

Hello Jayme:

I am contacting you in response to a complaint we received from you today regarding a potential illegal mining operation occurring in Adams County (attached).

Based on the information provided in the complaint, including the 5 images that were uploaded with the complaint, this appears to be a utility-related issue and not a mining-related issue that would require permitting through our office. Therefore, we will not be investigating this matter any further.

I'm not sure which state agency, if any, regulates underground utilities. However, I did read on the Colorado 811 website that their organization was established in 1986 as the "Utility Notification Center of Colorado", and that utility owners and operators are required by law to be a member of Colorado 811 and to register their underground utilities. Therefore, I would suggest reaching back out to Colorado 811 to see if they can recommend a course of action for the issues you have identified.

Thank you for using our online complaint submittal form. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Best Regards,

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