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Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company
Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit
Permit Number M2024057

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the notice regarding the mining application submitted by the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company (FRICO) for the Milton Reservoir project. As a homeowner and taxpayer of the residential neighborhood adjacent to the proposed project site, I wish to express my concerns regarding the land affected by this permit.

A portion of the land being used in the project is contested. Prior to April 2022, the taxpayers and residents of Beebe Draw Farms (BBDF), also known as Pelican Lake Ranch, owned 422 acres of land adjacent to Milton Reservoir through their governing Metro District entity. This land was primarily used as amenity space for recreation and conservation, with some improvements made to enhance its use.

In April 2022, without proper written authorization or notice as required by our governing documents, the developer, Christine Hethcock, who sat on the board of the Metro District, transferred ownership of 422 acres via quit claim deed to her private for-profit company, REI, LLC, for the sum of \$10. At the time, Ms. Hethcock served as the general manager and controlling interest holder of REI. Subsequently, in July 2022, just three months later, she sold her majority controlling interest in REI to a subsidiary wholly owned by FRICO.

FRICO, now the controlling interest holder of REI—and thus the land—entered into a \$0 perpetually renewable lease with REI for use of the land in its dredging project. Since this transfer, REI and FRICO have further profited from the land through oil and gas leases, as well as other subleases. All at the expense of the rightful owners of the land—the taxpayers and residents.

While I do not oppose the mining permit and recognize its potential to improve the area by removing the obtrusive sand piles, I must emphasize that FRICO continues to profit from unjust enrichment at the expense of the rightful owners of this land. It is crucial that this issue be addressed. I respectfully request that the land ownership dispute be resolved and that the rightful owners be compensated for their loss before this project proceeds any further.

Thank you for your attention and consideration on this matter.

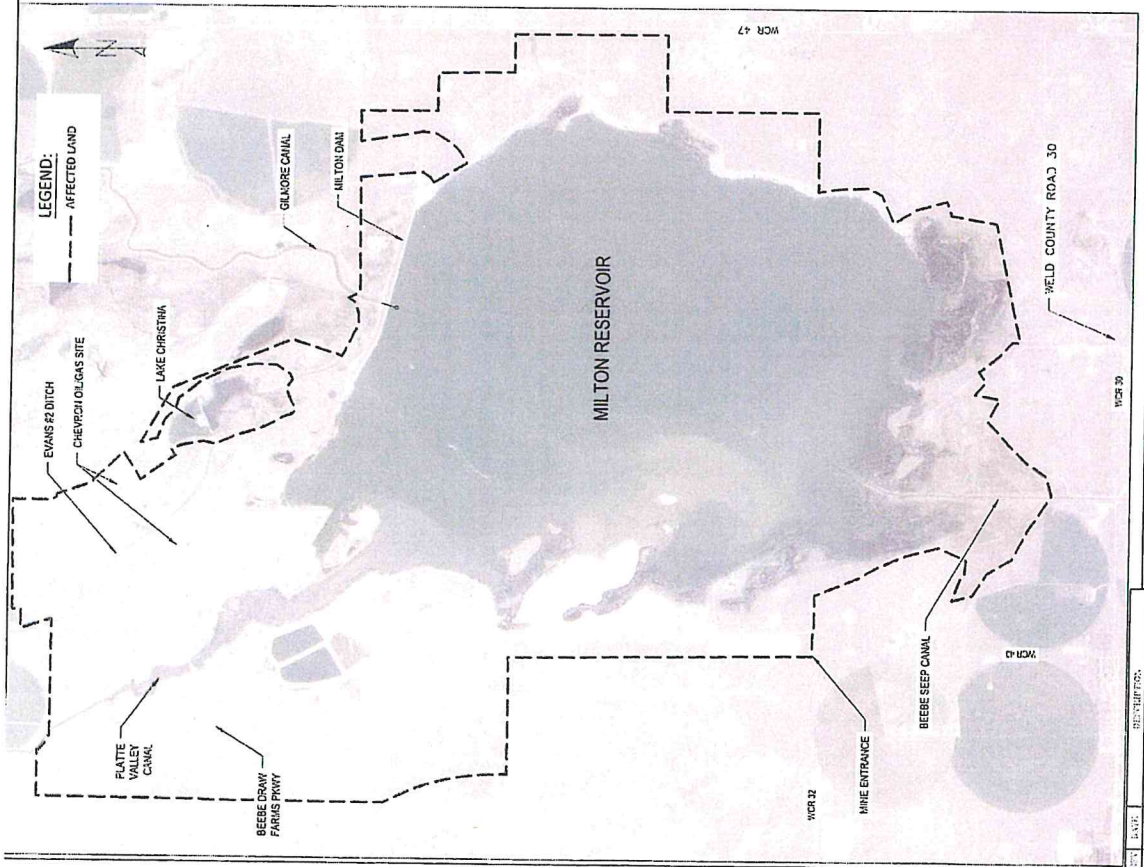
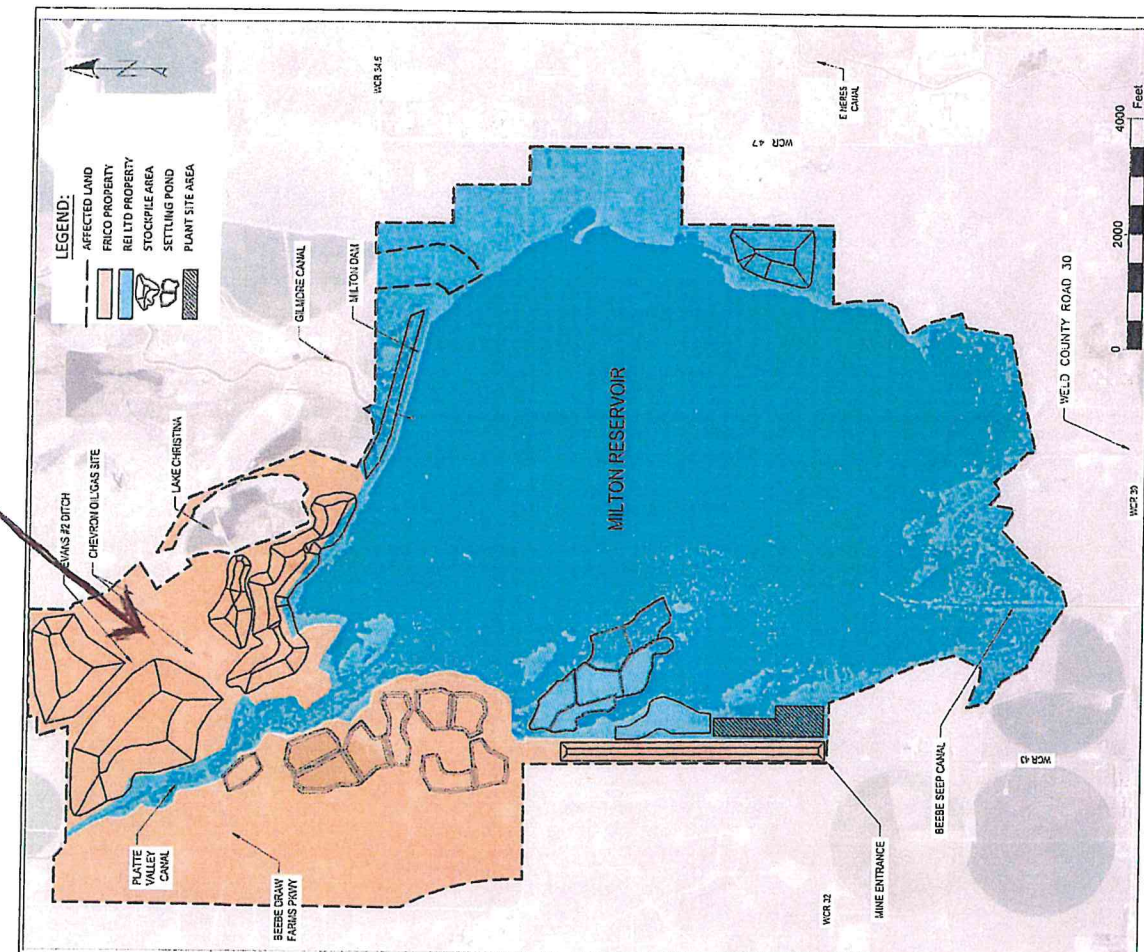
Sincerely,



Crystal Clark

Enclosure: Maps showing contested land

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