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Arapahoe County Agriculture Project

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Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 4:11 PM

To: James Griffin <je1griffin@gmail.com>

Cc: Russ Means - DNR <russ.means@state.co.us>, Brock Bowles - DNR <brock.bowles@state.co.us>

Mr. Griffin,

As discussed earlier today, please see the attached letter detailing the Division's decision regarding the agriculture project located near Strasburg, CO and the associated "Is it Mining" Questionnaire received on July 15, 2025.

Sincerely,

On Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 2:28 PM James Griffin <je1griffin@gmail.com> wrote:



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Hello Zach,

Attached is a picture of a truck being loaded at the property this morning, and a video of that same truck dumping his load at a construction site on the north side of I-70 between E-470 and Airpark. Also a picture of the excavator on the property, which is not a mini ex.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

James Griffin
720-951-5730

On Mon, Aug 4, 2025, 10:46 PM James Griffin <je1griffin@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Trujillo,

Here are some pictures of the wind blowing the dirt and noxious weed seeds onto my land on Saturday August 2, 2025, and pictures taken today August 4, 2025 from the same vantage points for comparison. In some pictures you can see they are cutting over a foot deep. I have videos but was unable to upload them.

The "Is It Mining?" questionnaire they filled out, indicates they would be using a skid steer, mini ex and water truck. As you can see in the pictures, an 821G Case Loader with a 4 yard bucket is being used. I also question their assertion that this activity is "purely agricultural grading, intended to remove excess sand and improve the overall soil condition for farming conditions." Jerry Craig farmed that land for years and was a good steward to the land. Sandy soil is good for dry land farming. Do you really believe they will "import more suitable soil to improve agricultural conditions for crop production? The cost would be prohibitive. I would also like to know what "approved fill locations for disposal" means and where are they located?

Another thing, there is no erosion control on the property.

Thank you for your consideration,

James Griffin

On Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 11:18 AM Trujillo - DNR, Zach <zach.trujillo@state.co.us> wrote:
Mr Griffin,

As discussed, please feel free to respond to this email regarding your complaint along with any additional information you would like to include regarding the activities associated with the "Is It Mining?" questionnaire (attached) received by the Division. Additionally, attached is the Division's determination which was based on the information provided within the "Is It Mining?" questionnaire. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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