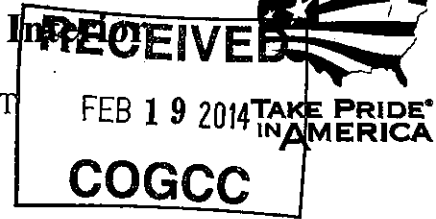




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Mr. Mark Weems
Regional Engineer- SW Colorado
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
50 Long Hollow Lane
Durango, CO 81301

FEB 14 2014

Re: Reported/Observed Dumping at: N 37 00.778' W 107 36.597' - LaBoca Canyon Road.

Dear Mr. Weems:

On 2/11/2014, 1215, Tom Johnson of the Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, contacted Ryan Joyner of the BLM Minerals Division, to report incidences of dumping, both liquid and solid materials, at N 37 00.778' W 107 36.597' off of LaBoca Canyon Road, LaPlata County, Colorado. The dumping was reported to him earlier by an adjacent landowner Linda Sanchez.

Ryan Joyner of the BLM called Ms. Sanchez at 1245 on the same day to confirm the details reported by the SU EPD and to also gain more information. Ms. Sanchez reported seeing multiple oil and gas related vehicles leaving Southern Ute reservation production areas, driving to the subject dump location, releasing their load (liquid or solid) and then going back to the reservation. Ms. Sanchez used to work for the EPA, and indicated she believed the materials to be Exploration and Production waste from either private or SU Trust mineral production zones. Ms. Sanchez indicated that the dumping activity began sometime around the end of August 2013, and has been increasing since then, with daily traffic between 1300 and 1500. She reported seeing multiple types of vehicles with varying colors and configurations. Most commonly she has reported seeing a vehicle with White, Black, and Silver as its primary coloring. Ms. Sanchez was unsure of any individual company names.

At 1345 Ryan Joyner of the BLM drove to the subject location and determined that it was in fact E&P waste, amongst other mystery piles of various debris, including but not limited to, asphalt, cement, oil field piping, produced water impacted soils, soils containing bits of oil and gas liner, and an un-lined hydrovac dump zone (excavated and bermed to contain more liquid slurry) (see attached pictures). The dump zone consisted of two entrance areas, once used for solids, and the other used exclusively for hydrovac dumping (see attached pictures).

It was determined through examining the LaPlata County GIS website, that this was more than likely fee surface (private land).

The BLM representative then went to an adjacent well pad (So Ute #2E, Samson Prod. Co, s16,t32N,r7W, Api-05067-08074), with view of the dump location. At approximately 1425, a

hydrovac truck, matching the description of a White, Black and Silver vehicle, pulled onto the subject dump location, backing up to the section used to evacuate hydrovac trucks. Upon backing up to the pit/bermed area, BLM personnel drove onto the subject dump location and took some pictures of the vehicle (see attached pictures). The subject vehicle has been identified as belonging to Crossfire LLC., truck number #284, USDOT #1415308, Vin# DPFF8619 (see attached pictures).


Upon noticing BLM presence, the hydrovac truck operator (male, mid 30s, medium build, black hair, African American descent) inquired as to what the problem was. He was informed that this is a suspected dump site. At which point he got back inside the vehicle and drove away, heading south on Highway 172 towards New Mexico.

BLM personnel immediately informed SU EPD, SU Range, and the BIA- SU Agency of the incident.

Mr. Weems, the BLM is requesting that the COGCC address concerns regarding the above mentioned location for its potential to adversely impact surface and ground water systems (close proximity to a perennial stream), soil health, wildlife safety, and human safety.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ryan Joyner: 970.385.1242.

Sincerely,


John Pecor
Acting BLM Minerals Staff Chief
Tres Rios Field Office

CC: BIA-SU Agency, SUIT-Energy, SUIT-Range, SUIT-Wildlife, SUIT-EPD, COGCC-Weems, ~~COGCC-Bischer~~, COGCC-Lebowski, LaPlata County-Roseberry







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