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Subject: Letter of Concern regarding Transit Mix Concrete Company along Highway 115
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Hello, the attached letter is my letter of concern regarding the lot the Transit Mix Concrete Company is planning on building on along Highway 115.

Please confirm that my letter has been received by the correct person. Thank you!

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To the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety:

My name is Chelsea Luttrall and my husband and I have land along highway 115. Our address is 10010 Hwy 115. I have three main concerns with the opening of another quarry-type business along this stretch of road and I will address them each here. Thanks for taking our comments.

Safety: My husband and I enjoy riding our bikes; both road and mountain biking. I also know that we're not the only ones to use Hwy 115 for biking. It's a popular endurance road ride. However, in the current situation, I have many safety concerns for bikers (and even drivers).

Currently, the shoulder is too narrow in many areas—especially in areas where there is a bridge, the shoulder disappears. This makes it dangerous for bikers even when all riders and drivers are following all traffic laws.

When the quarry truckers are driving, the trucks are wide and take up the entire lane, which does not afford bikers an adequate amount of safe space. Additionally the quarry trucks lose rocks out of their loads on a regular basis. This again is dangerous to drivers who are getting their windows chipped, but also to bikers who are at risk of getting hit by rocks.

Even more disturbing is this experience I had just last week. I was driving Northbound on highway 115 to return to Colorado Springs. I was following a fully loaded quarry truck at the speed limit. A second empty quarry truck was Southbound barreling far too fast and passing us, simultaneous to a THIRD fully-loaded quarry truck driving slowly on the shoulder. Again, he was driving in the shoulder! Being immediately behind 3 trucks passing each other on a two lane section of highway is terrifying. If I had been a road biker in the north bound shoulder, I would have been dead as there was no place for a biker or the trucks to go.

The quarry drivers drive dangerously. I've seen time and time again that the quarry drivers drive these trucks as if they are Mini Coopers - fast and without respect for the giants that they are. It's unsafe at the current capacity of trucks. I'm fearful of what a 50% increase of trucks would bring.

I imagine the number and weight of the trucks prematurely wears the pavement compared to a normal rate of deterioration.

Because the presence of the quarry trucks increases the level of wear on the highway, decreases biker and driver safety and increases the need for wider lanes and more consistent and wide shoulders, I feel that the state and county have a right and need to insist upon a highway upgrade fee as well as a continued highway use tax from all quarry companies to help fund the updating and maintenance of a safer and sustainable road.



Asthma and Allergy Concerns: My husband and I are nearing the beginning of building for our new home. We are designing that house in such a way that it will help me escape some of my chronic allergy issues that exist in our current apartment-living situation. I'm allergic to dust and grass pollen. And I'm sure I'm not the only one in the area who has allergy and asthma issues.

Allergens and irritants can trigger asthma attacks for those with asthma, but they can even cause chronic sinus infections, colds, and other sicknesses for those who don't have allergies. Personally, dust has been known to trigger my asthma. I'm concerned about the additional introduction of dust and other mining irritants into the air. In an area known to have high winds, how will large amounts of dust be kept from blowing into nearby communities? Are there additional irritants or chemicals used for this project that might become wind-born?

Noise and Foundation Fracturing: I'm sure this is one that has been well talked about in the public letters of concern. But since we already have to deal with the noises from Fort Carson, I know I'd prefer to keep all other noise down as much as possible; especially during resting hours. This is for rest purposes, but additionally, I'm concerned that large blasts that recur over time, may increase neighboring house foundation fracturing. I've been near a quarry, on adjacent property during blasting, and the level of the blasts shook the ground and would definitely cause house foundation damage over time. How can the company ensure that there will be no adjacent property damage over time and no annoyance from the noise?

Thanks so much for taking and considering our concerns. My husband and I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Luttrall

