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protest of Reclamation and MIning development at Hitchrack Ranch

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Attached is our letter of objection.

Dave Lick <davelick@yahoo.com>

Regards,

Dave and Carol Lick



April 18, 2016

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

Attn: Ms. Amy Eschberger

Re: Proposed reclamation and mining development on Hitch Rack Ranch Submitted by Transit Mix Concrete Company, Permit No. M2016010

As property owners within the Eagles Nest Development located on Little Turkey Creek Road, we are hereby submitting written notice of objection to this proposed development of a quarry by Transit Mix Concrete Company for the following reasons:

First, the establishment of quarry operations will introduce a level of destruction and noise to a region of Colorado unique in its biodiversity where plains and mountains converge. The region now enjoys protection through a combination of private property ownership, Nature Conservacy activity (nearby Aiken Canyon) and Bureau of Land Management acreage providing the many species of both plant and animal free range to exist. As private owners, we now appreciate and enjoy the unique beauty of our surroundings and plan to pass this value to our progeny. Blasting, quarrying, heavy equipment transport represents a violation of the sanctity we now enjoy.

Second, our rights of ingress and egress (as granted in deeds recorded in Book 2243 Page 402 and in Book 2261 Page 759 as established by decree of court, copy recorded in Book 2239 at Page 420) would be impaired during blasting operations. This would represent a direct violation of our rights of ingress and egress.

Third, we are concerned that the seismic activities may alter existing cliff faces, cause landslides, increase flooding and impact water tables within Little Turkey Creek Canyon.

We do appreciate and value the concrete industry and recognize the necessity of its production. One could say it is the "foundation" of civilized society providing for the necessary highways, bridges, buildings, runways etc. our modern society has come to require and expect. However, could not a more remote location, negatively impacting less lives, be found in our state? Please take into account our concerns. We are but one couple among many affected here.

Kind regards,

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