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objection to Loveland Ready Mix permit application

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To: Jared Ebert - DNR <jared.ebert@state.co.us>

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Hi Jared,

Please accept this scan of our letter of objection. The hard copy is in the mail to you. Thanks.

Jayme



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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
Attn: Jared Ebert
RE: M-2017-036 Site Name: Knox Pit

November 6, 2017

Dear Jared:

Please accept our Objection to the permit application. We are an aggrieved party because we are directly and adversely affected. We have invested heavily in our property here in Laporte based on a long-term return and growth in our investment. We did our research and we made a well-informed buy. Gravel mining to any extent is detrimental to the character of Laporte and that is clearly stated in the Laporte Area Plan. That plan does state that mining Could exist, if demonstrated to compatible, and as a temporary short term use of the land. Yet this proposal would last for decades and would cause substantial harm to our family and our interests.

We own a rental home and a storage business on our property. The very existence of this mine, even as a proposal, is negatively impacting our economic growth potential. The setting in Laporte is of primary appeal to our tenants and customers. In particular the setting of our rental home adjacent to open areas is of great importance. The mine would directly harm the economic, aesthetic, conservational, and recreational interests of the town, which in turn will directly harm our economic interests regarding the rental home. Among the many different alternative uses for this land, a gravel mine and concrete plant are the worse possible options. Even commercial development, though we are not in favor of it, would be lesser disturbance for a shorter period of time. And development of homes and business near us would increase the value and attractiveness of our property. No one will want to rent a house or store an expensive camper next to a gravel mine, at least not at a competitive rate. Being adjacent to a mining operation will result in a major actual loss to our business investment for a long period of time.

A mine at this location is too close to town and neighborhoods. Their reclamation plan would result in terrain and water functions that are dramatically different from what they are now, which has been the historic use of this land. Their plan would cause a substantial negative impact on the local ecosystem and its resources.

LRM has purchased a number of other parcels in this immediate area which they intend to mine. This together with the Hawkeye Ranch mine would result in a mining and post-mining footprint larger than all of Laporte. No permits should be issued until the situation as a whole is thoroughly evaluated.

We've seen this result up and down N. Taft Hill Road where a number of fenced-off scars line the river. They close off recreational access and fill periodically with water just enough to support mosquitos and some geese. They serve no beneficial use to the public.

LRM is now having to re- reclaim their land along the Big Thompson River because of the 2013 flood. This was only a 100 year flood and the fact that the reclaimed riparian area failed presents a substantial risk and concern that hydrology management in the Laporte area will also fail. These plans need a much closer look to ensure the local environment and community will not be harmed.

Please do not issue this permit as it will directly harm our family.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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