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M2017036 Knox Pit

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Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:36 PM

Hi Jared,
Please see the attached scan.

Thanks,
Patty McElwaine

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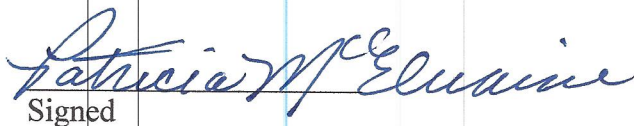
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Declaration of RE: Objection to Permit # M2017036, Knox Pit Statement of Aggrievement)

1. My name is Patricia McElwaine. I live at 2920 Schaefer Drive. I am over the age of 18 and of sound mind to make this declaration.
2. I am a member of No Laporte Gravel Corp. I am also a Board member of No Laporte Gravel Corp. I hold the position of Co-President in the non profit corporation.
3. I can see the Loveland Ready Mix property that is the subject of this permit application on my daily travels to work.
4. I am aggrieved by the Loveland Ready Mix permit application and will be aggrieved if the project is allowed to move forward for the following reasons:
5. Every time I come and go to LaPorte, I will see this gravel pit and the scars it will leave. Our primary source of recreation is having backyard get-togethers in Spring, Summer and Fall. We have a tight group of friends where we have pot luck dinners and play horse shoes or croquet. This is a typical type of entertainment in this area which would be compromised by the noise, and air pollution resulting from Loveland Ready Mix turning an agriculture property into an industrial sight. In conclusion, we adamantly oppose this proposed gravel pit which will have negative impacts on the health of school children with particles in the air.
6. It will decrease the amount of water in our wells that people use to grow their food. It will increase traffic and lower the values of our homes. Everything we love about LaPorte will disappear.
7. We moved here from Denver for the beautiful Poudre River, the trees, and the small town atmosphere. We watch the birds in our back yard, and the deer in our front yard. This is a peaceful residential area with good schools and strong community bonds. This gravel pit will create a massive amount of traffic and I fear will injure bicyclists, dog walkers, and children walking to and from school. The location of this proposed mine is at the very beginning entrance of LaPorte. This historical community does not want to appear like a town from the dust bowl era. We want to continue the agricultural, rural, and open space aesthetic that Antoine Janis saw when he settled here in 1844.
8. We will hear the noise from this mining pit morning, noon, and night. Not what we envisioned in our retirement years.
9. Martin Marietta on 54G and Taft Hill promised to do a great job on reclamation and it is simply a fence with no vegetation or trees. It resembles a prison yard. The Stegner gravel pit took 10 years longer than they promised and still is not reclaimed. How do these mining companies get away with it. Who is responsible for making them keep their commitments?
10. Our home is located at 2920 Schaefer Drive and is approximately 1.5 miles from the proposed site. This is the main inheritance our children will receive when my husband and I depart. Last year at this time Zillow had our house valued at \$294,000.00 on September 30, 2016. Today, November 7, 2017 our house is appraised at \$261,000.00. This 13% decline is a direct result from the application proposed by Loveland Ready Mix. At a time when property is exploding in Colorado our values have gone down.

I swear the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.


Signed

11-7-17
Date