

Declaration of Opposition to Application M-2017-036 Knox Pit

My Name is Amy Maddox. I live at 3012 West Ave in Laporte, Colorado. I am over the age of 18 and of sound mind to make this declaration.

I am a member of No Laporte Gravel Corp and am also a board member of No Laporte Gravel Corp. I hold the position of Secretary in the non-profit corporation.

I can see the Loveland Ready Mix property from my house and on my daily travels to work and to the store. 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:

- 1) I live approximately 500 feet from the western edge of the property. I moved to Laporte 3 years ago from Fort Collins so that I could enjoy the quiet and peaceful nature of the small town of Laporte. Gravel mining to any extent will be detrimental to the character of Laporte as clearly stated in the Laporte area plan. As we are unincorporated, we have no city council or mayor to fight for what is right for our city. This proposal is not temporary as it will have substantial long term negative effects to our town.
- 2) I currently suffer from asthma. As any studies show, there is no safe level of dust or silica. There will be substantial pollution from the trucks, increased traffic as well as the constant digging and mining. Many of my neighbors also suffer from respiratory illnesses.
- 3) There are numerous studies that show the impact of mining on water levels of wells. There is a ditch that runs across the property that could also be affected.
- 4) Numerous endangered and threatened birds of prey potentially can also be affected as there are areas in and near that land for nesting. The constant level of noise and back up alarms are detrimental to humans as well as wildlife.
- 5) I currently am able to hear the noise from the Martin Marietta gravel/asphalt plant and it is 3-4 miles away. It is a constant droning noise for hours on end. The noise from this proposed plant will be unbearable. Most of my neighbors do not have air conditioning and leave their windows open during the summer. Our peaceful way of living will be lost. Not to mention the health hazards that are associated with the constant noise.
- 6) The reclamation plan states that the land will be covered with grass seed. This will leave a pit that can collect low levels of runoff water that will be breeding grounds for mosquitos. We are already surrounded by "reclaimed" gravel pits that are fenced off ugly water storage areas. These were promised to be reclaimed. These eyesores are all along the bike path from Taft Hill to Overland Trail.
- 7) Once the approval is given, any promises regarding traffic, dust, hours of operation ect. are not enforced. No one will hold them accountable for any infractions of these rules.
- 8) LRM has purchased other parcels of land surrounding Laporte. In addition, Hawkeye Investments has land already and is seeking access onto North Overland Trail. These should be looked at together as this amount of land and gravel pits in the town of Laporte will have detrimental effects. No permits should be granted until all of these proposed or current projects can be looked at as a whole.

Please do not issue this permit as it will impact all of the citizens of our town of Laporte.

Thanks for your consideration. I swear the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.


Amy Maddox