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## Fwd: Comment RE: Permit # M2017036 Site Name: Knox Pit

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Please see the attached letter commenting on Permit # M2017036 Site Name: Knox Pit.

Thank you,

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RE: Permit # M2017036 Site Name: Knox Pit

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Erin Crowgey, and I live approximately 2 blocks from the proposed Knox Pit. I am an attorney and a member of No Laporte Gravel.

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. The proposed mining activity is just 2 blocks from my house. I will see the mining activities every time I travel to and from my home. I cannot avoid viewing these activities, as they are on the main street leading into Laporte. All visitors to my house will also see the proposed mining activity.
- 2. From my backyard, I will be able to see air pollution emitted from the concrete production and any dust from the mining activity/equipment. I will be forced to breathe air that is polluted by mining equipment and project traffic. A strong odor of gasoline will be present. Additionally, though the prevailing wind blows from my house to the pit, there is often a countervailing wind that blows from the pit to my house. This often occurs before snow and rain storms. When the wind is blowing to the west, my yard will fill with dust and we will breathe more polluted air because of the mining equipment. The dust and air pollution will enter my house during summer months and hot days, when we have to keep the windows open and fans blowing air in to cool our house.
- 3. Our yard backs to an irrigation ditch. We expect that the mining activity will reduce the amount of water in the ditch and reduce the water quality, affecting our landscaping, our garden, and our general health.
- 4. One primary reason for moving to our home was our access to the river and to open spaces, which allow us to enjoy wildlife including deer, raccoons, birds of prey, geese, foxes, and other wildlife. The proposed mining activity will significantly reduce the

availability habitat for these animals and will reduce their numbers as well as their quality of life.

5. Another central reason we chose to live in this area was the quietude of our neighborhood. My nine-month-old son stays at home during the day. The mining project will significantly impact the quietude of our house and yard during the day. The noise will be ever-present during normal operating hours, the hours that we use our house to care for our son. Noises at the level proposed by the mining activities are well-documented to cause migraines and ADD/ADHD in children. This will affect my son on a daily basis, potentially for the rest of his life. We will not be able to avoid the noise by entering the house, particularly during the months that it is necessary to keep windows open to keep the house cool.

For all of these reasons, I am an aggrieved party, and I ask you to deny the permit for Knox Pit.

Sincerely,

Erin Crowgey