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## Hitch Rack Ranch Permit Application

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**Bradley Lehman** <Bradley\_Lehman@transitmix.com>  
To: "Amy.Eschberger@state.co.us" <Amy.Eschberger@state.co.us>

Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 11:11 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I fully support Transit-Mix application for the Hitch Rack Ranch.

Thanks you very much.

Regards,

Brad Lehman



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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the Transit Mix family, I write this letter in support of Transit Mix's application to open a quarry on the privately owned Hitch Rack Ranch in southwestern El Paso County.

Transit Mix has long been an integral part of the El Paso County community and economy. Since 1945 we have proudly provided much of the concrete that built the Air Force Academy, Fort Carson, NORAD, and other iconic structures, as well as countless businesses and private homes. We have been operating locally under the same ownership for more than 60 years. We take pride in being a part of the Colorado Springs and El Paso County communities, and continue to support local causes through monetary or personal time donations.

Transit Mix needs a new quarry in El Paso County. As the years of operation at Pikeview Quarry have increased, so has the number of homes in its vicinity. By looking for a new quarry location, we are making a business decision for the overall good of the community to make our city even more beautiful. The reclamation process cannot be completed when there is no other rock source available to us.

In Hitch Rack Ranch we have found the most ideal location for this endeavor. It is more secluded than any other viable site within economical range of Colorado Springs, with only 13 residences within one mile of its permit boundary. In comparison, there are 1500 residences within one mile of the Pikeview Quarry. In addition, unlike Pikeview, the quarry would only be minimally visible from any public road. The quarry would be a very small portion of a very large piece of private property, disturbing only 239 acres of the 1,432 acres total.

I understand that the quarry has been designed to minimize impacts to water resources and wildlife. The existing water resources in the Little Turkey Creek drainage are controlled by the creek, and these creek flows will continue during and after mining. By staying south of Little Turkey Creek, wildlife corridors are maintained throughout the operation of the quarry, and the reclamation plan has been specifically designed to create wildlife habitat.

A permit for Hitch Rack Ranch would not only secure the future of Transit Mix as a business, but also help secure my future and the futures of the over 200 employees that are part of our team. Many of us have been members of the Colorado Springs, Pueblo and other surrounding communities for many years. Transit Mix Concrete Company's stability has afforded me with both the ability of taking care of my family's basic needs, and also with the small luxuries in life.

For these reasons among others, I urge the Mined Land Reclamation Board to please approve Transit Mix's application, not only for Colorado Springs, not only for Transit Mix as a whole, but for me and my family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Lehman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brad Lehman



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To: "Eschberger - DNR, Amy" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>

Fri, Nov 17, 2017 at 11:17 AM

Brad Lehman

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Thank you very much.

Have a wonderful day☺

Brad

**From:** Eschberger - DNR, Amy [mailto:[amy.eschberger@state.co.us](mailto:amy.eschberger@state.co.us)]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** Bradley Lehman  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Hitch Rack Ranch Permit Application

Hi Brad,

Pursuant to Rule 1.7.1(2)(a), in order for statements supporting or objecting to an application, petitions for a hearing, and/or submissions to become a party to be considered timely, written comments, protests and/or petitions must contain the **name**, **mailing address**, and **telephone number** of the interested parties.

Your letter will be added to the permit file. However, in order to be considered a party to the matter, please submit a mailing address and phone number.

Thanks,

Amy Eschberger

Environmental Protection Specialist