



Letter of Support of Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry

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Ms. Eschberger,

Please accept the attached letter of support for the Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry.

Thank You,

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Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
Attn: Amy Eschberger
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Ms. Eschberger

I am writing to you today to express my support of Transit Mix Concrete Co. and their application to obtain a reclamation permit for the proposed Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado and a Registered Member of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME). I have seen the plan that Transit Mix has prepared for the Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry and I am very confident that it will meet or exceed any current processes being used in the aggregate industry today.

I have been a resident of Colorado off and on for the last 12 years with a 2 and a half year stint working out of country. When I moved my family back to the United States I knew that I wanted to settle in Colorado Springs due to everything that it could afford my family and me. When I was looking for employment in the area, I found that Transit Mix was hiring for my skill set, so I did some research into the company. I found that it was a company with strong ties in the community, it has been a part of the community for over 70 years, and has generously given back to the community over that time frame. They do have a strong corporate backing, like most companies in the industry today, and they treat their employees very well. Of all the companies I have worked for in my career, I have not been a part of one that has had the same level of committed, long term employees as Transit Mix.

All of the things I have just mentioned made me want to apply at Transit Mix. I was particularly excited that Transit Mix was starting a process to permit a new quarry. From what I had learned about the company I knew that they would take due diligence regarding the placement of the quarry, the extraction methods used, and the proper operation techniques. I knew I wanted to be a part of this project.

The Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry application is a well thought out plan that meets or exceeds all standards set forth by the State of Colorado. The site is on private property and Transit Mix is working with the property owner to use their land in a way that keeps it in the family and when completed will provide a greater grazing opportunity for their livestock. Transit Mix has a history of stewardship in being good neighbors and I believe that they will go above and beyond for the neighbors of the Hitch Rack Ranch property.

In my two years with Transit Mix I have been able to witness first-hand how aggregate activities and wildlife go hand in hand. I have personally passed within 20 yards of 28 bighorn sheep sunning themselves on the roads at the Pikeview Quarry. I have seen the equipment operators take pride in having these majestic animals around their operation. I strongly feel that a quarry on the Hitch Rack Ranch will be welcomed the same by the wildlife in that area.

I want to close by reiterating my support for Transit Mix and the Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry project. It is a good project that has been well thought out and planned. Transit Mix has a history of being good

neighbors and would carry all of those same principles to the area they wish to move to on Highway 115.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Heser", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Brandon Heser, P.E.

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