

December 01, 2017

Andre LaRoche Transit Mix Concrete Co. 444 E. Costilla St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

RE: Objections and Comments Received to a 112c Reclamation Permit Application, Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry, File No. M-2017-049

Mr. LaRoche:

The Division has received additional timely objections and comments to the Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry application, File No. M-2017-049. The objections and comments were received within the public comment period which began when the application was filed for review on November 9, 2017, and will close on December 21, 2017. The objections and comments received since the last notice was sent on November 24, 2017 are listed below in bold text.

Timely objections received:

- 1) November 16, 2017 Objection received from Monica Loftis, dated November 14, 2017.
- 2) November 21, 2017 Objection received from Donald Loftis, dated November 15, 2017.
- 3) November 24, 2017 Objection received from Brian Gardiner, dated November 20, 2017.
- 4) November 24, 2017 Objection received from Betty Gardiner, dated November 20, 2017.
- 5) November 24, 2017 Objection received from J.D. Kirkland, dated November 20, 2017.
- 6) November 27, 2017 Objection received from Nancy Reed, dated November 26, 2017.
- 7) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Dr. Peg Rooney, dated November 22, 2017.
- 8) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Ken Bishop, dated November 25, 2017.
- 9) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Carol Bishop, dated November 25, 2017.
- 10) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Mark McClurg of Highlands of Turkey Canon Ranch HOA, dated November 24, 2017.
- 11) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Kathie Rawson, dated November 25, 2017.
- 12) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Corey McClurg, dated November 24, 2017.



- 13) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Susan McClurg, dated November 24, 2017.
- 14) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Mark McClurg, dated November 24, 2017.
- 15) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Lindsay McClurg, dated November 24, 2017.
- 16) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Matthew D. Cook, dated November 27, 2017.
- 17) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Jana Warner, dated November 24, 2017.
- 18) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Joseph J. Jones, Jr., dated November 26, 2017.
- 19) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Stanley Rawson, dated November 27, 2017.
- 20) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Terri L. Rose, dated November 27, 2017.
- 21) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Clay Warner, dated November 24, 2017.
- 22) November 28, 2017 Objection received from Samson Gardiner, dated November 20, 2017.
- 23) November 30, 2017 Objection received from Claudia J. Jones, dated November 26, 2017.
- 24) November 30, 2017 Objection received from James T. Rose, dated November 27, 2017.
- 25) November 30, 2017 Objection received from James Swonger, dated November 25, 2017.
- 26) November 30, 2017 Objection received from Tina Swonger, dated November 25, 2017.
- November 30, 2017 Objection received from Farrell and Scott Thompson, dated November 20, 2017.

Timely letters of support received:

- 1) November 14, 2017 Letter of support received from Mike and Janet Robinson, dated November 14, 2017.
- 2) November 15, 2017 Letter of support received from Norma Saint James, not dated.
- 3) November 15, 2017 Letter of support received from Michael R. McCorkle, not dated.
- 4) November 15, 2017 Letter of support received from Brad Lehman, not dated.
- 5) November 15, 2017 Letter of support received from Jerry Schmitz, not dated.
- 6) November 16, 2017 Letter of support received from Shannon Michael Hurst, not dated.



- November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Christopher R. Anderson, dated November 17, 2017.
- 8) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Lois Atwell, not dated.
- 9) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Cindy Moone, not dated.
- 10) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from unknown (signature is illegible), not dated.
- 11) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Keith Robertson, not dated.
- 12) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Valerie Rowland, not dated.
- 13) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Steve Sams, not dated.
- 14) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Carl W. Smith, not dated.
- 15) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Randall Stoddard, not dated.
- 16) November 21, 2017 Letter of support received from Derek Walden, not dated.
- 17) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Joseph and Sandra Herrera, not dated.
- 18) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Daniel J. Walter, not dated.
- 19) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Joseph H. Johnson, not dated.
- 20) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from "5 yr employee", not dated.
- 21) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Mike Sepulveda, dated November 18, 2017.
- 22) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Shane Callan, not dated.
- 23) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Cynthia Moore, not dated.
- 24) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Tom Wisthoff, not dated.
- 25) November 24, 2017 Letter of support received from Johnny Jones, not dated.
- 26) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Robert L. Montoya, dated November 27, 2017.
- 27) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from George Martinez, not dated.



- 28) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from John H. Gokey, not dated.
- 29) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Thomas E. Rapprecht, not dated.
- 30) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Skylena Moya, not dated.
- 31) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Brent Bond, not dated.
- 32) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Chris Ferry, not dated.
- 33) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from James H. Ulsh, not dated.
- 34) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from unknown, not dated.
- 35) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Ryan L. Braunagel, not dated.
- 36) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from Matthew L., Marissa(?), Jordan, and Amelia Meyer, not dated.
- 37) November 27, 2017 Letter of support received from unknown, not dated.
- 38) November 28, 2017 Letter of Support received from State Representative Larry Liston of the Colorado House of Representatives, not dated.
- 39) November 28, 2017 Letter of Support received from Don Knight of the Colorado Springs City Council, District 1, not dated.
- 40) November 28, 2017 Letter of Support received from State Representative Dan Nordberg of the Colorado House of Representatives, not dated.
- 41) November 28, 2017 Letter of Support received from State Representative Paul Lundeen of the Colorado House of Representatives, not dated.
- 42) November 29, 2017 Letter of Support received from Norma Saint James, not dated.
- 43) November 29, 2017 Letter of Support received from Randall C. Symons, not dated.
- 44) November 29, 2017 Letter of Support received from State Representative Dave Williams of the Colorado House of Representatives, not dated.
- 45) December 01, 2017 Letter of Support received from Brandon Heser, dated November 30, 2017.



Copies of the objection and comments are enclosed for your records. Please inform the Division of how the Applicant intends to address the jurisdictional issues raised by the objectors. This information can be submitted during the adequacy review process.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at 303-866-3567, ext. 8129, or by email at <u>amy.eschberger@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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Amy Eschberger Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures: New objection and comment letters as listed above (54 total)

EC: Paul Kos, Norwest Corporation at: <u>pkos@norwestcorp.com</u> Wally Erickson, DRMS at: <u>wally.erickson@state.co.us</u>





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Ms. Amy Eschberger Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Ms. Eschberger,

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I request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Yours truly,

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Objection Letter to Permit M2017-049

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Nancy Reed <ncr.turkeycreek@gmail.com> To: CO Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety <amy.eschberger@state.co.us> Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 2:30 PM

Attached is my initial objection letter.

Nancy Reed 4848 Little Turkey Creek Road Colorado Springs, CO. 80926

Phone: 719-648-6715

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Objection to the Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry, Permit Number M2017-049

Ms. Amy Eschberger:

This letter is in response to the application submitted by Transit Mix Concrete Company for a quarry to be located on Hitch Rack Ranch. My husband and I own a home located within the Eagles Nest development, which is immediately west of the proposed quarry area. This letter lists my objections to the application. The bullets refer to the relevant section of Colorado Title 34 Mineral Resources, Article 32.5 "Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials".

- 1) <u>115 (4) (a)</u> The application is incomplete because it contains numerous inaccuracies and inconsistencies.
- 2) <u>115 (4) (d)</u> A 1968 El Paso County court decree determined that Little Turkey Creek Road is an ingress/egress easement for Eagles Nest properties. The proposed mining operation will obstruct that easement and is therefore contrary to Colorado easement law.
- 3) <u>115 (4) (e)</u> Little Turkey Creek Road is a permanent man-made structure located within 200 feet of affected lands. The engineering assessment of the road fails to prove that mining operations <u>shall not</u> <u>damage</u> the road.
- 4) <u>116 (c)</u> The application fails to adequately demonstrate that material disposed of within the affected lands will not result in any unauthorized release of pollutants to the surface drainage system.
- 5) <u>116 (d)</u> The application fails to adequately demonstrate that there will be no unauthorized release of pollutants to groundwater from any material mined, stored or disposed of within the permit area.
- 6) <u>116 (e)</u> The application fails to adequately demonstrate that all refuse will be disposed of in a manner that controls unsightliness or the deleterious effects of such refuse.
- 7) <u>116 (h)</u> The application fails to adequately demonstrate that disturbances to the prevailing hydrologic balance of the affected land and of the surrounding area will be minimized.
- 8) 1<u>16 (i)</u> The application fails to adequately demonstrate that areas outside of the affected land will be protected from slides or damage occurring during the mining operation and reclamation.

I will provide more detailed information on these objections in a subsequent letter.

Sincerely,

Tancy Reed

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Ms. Eschberger,

As a property owner in the Southwest Highway 115 area, I object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

The application jeopardizes the water resources of local residents, fails to protect critical wildlife habitat, and violates the easement rights of several property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road. I urge the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny TM's application.

I request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Yours truly,

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Carol Bishop 15820 Phantom Canyon View Colorado Springs, CO 82926 303-903-7571 carol.water72@gmail.com

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Matthew D. Cook <mdc_sjc@yahoo.com> Reply-To: "Matthew D. Cook" <mdc_sjc@yahoo.com> To: "amy.eschberger@state.co.us" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us> Tue, Nov 28, 2017 at 8:17 AM

Hello Ms Eschberger,

I would like to submit my attached letter of objection to the Transit Mix Concrete Company mining application M2017-049.

There are many good reasons for the board to reject the application, but the primary and unique reason the board should reject THIS application is that it proposes to totally shut down access to many properties (including mine) randomly, and for random periods of time. There is a legal easement we own on Little Turkey Creek Rd, and neither Hitch Rack Ranch nor Transit Mix have the right to block our access to our properties for any period of time, let alone multiple indefinite time periods of their choosing. This is totally illegal and if the board fails to do its job, law enforcement will have to do it. The board should do the right thing and prevent that from being necessary.

Thanks,

Matthew Cook

2017-11-28 Letter to board - SIGNED.pdf 93K Nov 27, 2017

Ms. Amy Eschberger Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Objection to Permit M2017-049

Ms. Eschberger,

I am a property owner within the Eagles Nest development located to the west of the proposed quarry. I STRONGLY object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

The application fails to protect the easement I, and several other property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road, legally own. It also fails to protect water resources and wild-life habitat, as has previously been noted.

The easement rights I own on Little Turkey Creek Road are legally set. Neither Hitch Rack Ranch nor Transit Mix have a right to close down that road during blasting operations, as the application proposes. This road is the only ingress and egress to my property, and would be akin to closing down all access to your home at random times for random periods of time – completely illegal, and lawsuits will shut down this operation if you fail to do your job to deny this application.

I urge the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny the application.

I also request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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Printed Name:	Matthew D. Cook
Address:	355 Oakhurst, Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Eagles Nest prop	erty I own: <u>Schulule #s: 760000286, 760000287, 760000288</u>
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Ms. Eschberger,

As a resident in the area, I object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application M2017 049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

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Ms. Amy Eschberger Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Ms. Eschberger,

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Yours Truly,

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Ms. Eschberger,

On behalf of the twenty three property owners in the Highland of Turkey Canon Ranch Homeowner's Association in the Southwest Highway 115 area, We unanimously object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

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Yours truly,

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November 25, 2017

Ms. Eschberger,

As a property owner and resident who lives within an approximate two mile area of the proposed Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry, I strongly object to Transit Mix Concrete Co. application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

The application fails to protect my water resources; if I lose my water resource I do not have a backup plan for water. Trucking in water to a cistern at my property is a ridiculous consideration/option. In addition, the application fails to protect the numerous wildlife habitats and the easement rights of several property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road. I urge the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny TM's application.

I request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Regards,

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Ms. Eschberger,

As a property owner and resident who lives within an approximate two mile area of the proposed Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry, I strongly object once again to Transit Mix Concrete Co.'s attempt to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

Transit Mix Concrete Co. first applied, for basically the same thing, in 2016 and was denied in 2016 by The Colorado Division of Mined Land Reclamation Board.

My primary concern, once again is the new application (M2017-049) fails to protect my water resource. Our community was established in the 1960's and is supplied by a community water distribution system which relies on well water. Without those wells our community would not exist. In addition, the application fails to protect the numerous wildlife habitats and the easement rights of several property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road.

I urge The Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) once again deny Transit Mix Concrete Company's application.

I request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Regards,

Stanley Rawson 11795 Calle Corvo Colorado Springs, CO 80926 719-576-3886 kltrain7@gmail.com



To: Amy Eschberger

CO Divison of Reclamation Mining and Safety From: Dr. Peg Rooney PO Box 60 Penrose, CO 81240 719-372-3415 drpeg@bresnan.net

Date: 11/22/2017

Re: Letter of Objection to Application # M2017-049

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Highway 115 from Penrose to CO Springs is one of the most dangerous roads in CO these days. On Nov. 15th, I counted 46 18-wheelers on the road at 9:30am and 47 at 3pm. Lines of impatient drivers tailgated each other behind the trucks. Some passed on the right, others crossed doubleyellow lines to move beyond the trucks. When a straight-away came up, drivers accelerated to 80 to get around the trucks which also speeded up. And woe to the drivers who dared to go the speed limit of 60. One was forced to move to the shoulder to allow a screaming driver to pass.

The CO Springs City Council recently endorsed the Transit Mix concrete mining lease on Hwy 115. This extractive activity will increase truck traffic to 300 more trips per day on this road. God help us!

And heaven help the wildlife that migrate from Ft. Carson across 115 to Aiken Canyon and then to Beaver Creek Wilderness area. 115 is a slaughterhouse! Every day animals are killed- their remains litter the roadside. On Nov. 15th, I counted 2 deer (one a fine four-point buck), 1 raccoon, 1 skunk, and 1 hawk in the morning alone. A young black bear wisely changed his mind about trying to cross 115 amid the weaving, speeding, and honking.

We can only hope that the Mined Land Reclamation Board will once again deny the Transit Mix Concrete mining lease. But whether or not human greed wins out, we must ensure that State Patrol officers are there to enforce the rules of the road. We must install a wildlife overpass or underpass near Aiken Canyon to allow the movement of animals to the wilderness area, as was done on Hwy 9 near Kremmling, US 550 near Telluride, US 160 near Durango, and a planned one between Salida and Buena Vista.

Hwy 115 is already dangerous for people and wildlife. Let's not make it worse.

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Ms. Eschberger,

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Colorado Springs and the people of City Council District 1 have been proud to host Transit Mix's Batch Plant on North Nevada Ave and to have the Pike View Quarry on our western border for 112 years. Their contributions have been critical to the development of our City and neighborhoods.

However, change comes to everyone and everything and the time has come for change for both Transit Mix and District 1. The quarry is nearing it useful life with approximately 10 years remaining. Conversely, the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) is growing with a student population now over 10,000. Colorado Springs City Council has recently approved a North Nevada Master Plan to reinvigorate the corridor to provide much needed services to UCCS's growing population. The accelerated closing of Transit Mix's Batch Plant on North Nevada plays heavily into the timing of our recovery plans.

Equally important is the National Cybersecurity Center's new home will be just a few blocks down the street from the Batch Plant. The Center has already proven a catalyst in attracting companies wishing to collocate along the North Nevada corridor.

Because Transit Mix has offered to accelerate the closure of Pike View and relocate its North Nevada Batch Plant in exchange for a permit to open a quarry at Hitch Rack Ranch, the new quarry would be a boon to the community. For that reason, I am respectfully requesting positive consideration and action on Transit Mix's application. It would allow both Transit Mix and Colorado Springs District 1 to take advantage of unique growth opportunities that in all probably will not be here in 10 years.

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Norma E. St.James <Norma_St.James@transitmix.com> To: "Amy.Eschberger@state.co.us" <Amy.Eschberger@state.co.us> Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 5:49 AM

Good morning,

Here is my letter including name, address and phone number.

Norma Saint James

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Sincerely, Norma Saint James 1202 Capulin Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910 719-491-2163



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Kay Sanchez <Kay_Sanchez@transitmix.com> To: "amy.eschberger@state.co.us" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us> Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 10:29 AM

Ms. Eschberger,

One of our employees forwarded the attached support letter to me. Please let me know if he needs to send this directly to you, or if this forward is acceptable.

Thank you,

Kay Sanchez Executive Assistant Accounts Payable Manager Transit Mix Concrete Co. (719) 227-2054

-----Original Message-----From: Randy Symons Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:18 PM To: Kay Sanchez Cc: Jerry Schmitz Subject: Letter for Hitch Rack Ranch

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Yours Truly,

Claudia J. Jones 15265 N. Cuerno Verde Vw. Colorado Springs, Colorado 80926 720-771-4448 candijones@q.com

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Yours truly,

James T. Rose 15727 Cala Rojo Drive CSC, 80926 719-291-8549 Jtr2579@aol.com

PS. I am also the President of the Turkey Canon Water District. I have been on the board for over 17 years. We have worried about and mitigated water quality issues through the years. I also fear that additional mining operations near our water sources could financially impact our district.

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As a new property owner in the Little Turkey Creek Area and as a nearby resident, we object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

The application fails to protect water resources, wildlife habitat, traffic safety on CO-115 and the easement rights of the property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road. I strongly urge the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny TM's application.

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Kind Regards,

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Letter of Support of Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry

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Brandon Heser <Brandon_Heser@transitmix.com> To: "Eschberger - DNR, Amy" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us> Fri, Dec 1, 2017 at 9:53 AM

Ms. Eschberger,

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

Thank You,

Brandon Heser

Aggregates Production Manager

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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,

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Brandon Heser, P.E.

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