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Opposition letter to the HHR permit #M2017-049

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Ms. Eschberger
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Dear Ms. Eschberger,

I would like to object to a quarry proposal on the Hitch Rack Ranch, permit #M2017-049. I moved to Barrett Road over 20 years ago and was lied to by a real estate person, Fremont County and Red Canon Quarry on its determination to expand to a 640-acre monstrosity. I should also mention that no one was properly notified about this expansion.

Below are a set of reasons:

- This quarry has run out an endangered species the Spotted OWL
- Poured a ton of dust into the air and been cited by the EPA for this.
- Poor design and bad road management has caused incredible damage to my personal property.
- Many many floods were created by the lack of a proper hydrology management study by the quarry of the area.
- A large amount of quarry material has destroyed home owner's downstream ponds.
- Large blasting that shakes the ground and the windows of our houses.
- Speeding truck traffic that cannot be deterred as neither El Paso County or Fremont County will patrol the area.
- Truck still run stop signs on the local road.
- Fires set on our roads by quarry employees that.

- Garbage dumped on our properties.
 - Couches
 - TV's
 - Old Computers
 - All kinds of junk
- Truck drivers who have gotten mad and stopped their trucks because a young child was riding a horse on the "private road" (that home owners owned). The truck driver got out of his truck and yelled at him. We have this on video.
- Truck drivers that have dumped their kid's dirty diapers onto our properties.
- Dead cats thrown from trucks on to neighbor's properties.
- Trespassing on neighbor's properties.
- SLAPP lawsuits against several home owners that have complained.
 - One because the camp ground owner was flooded out and complained. Come to find out the quarry did not do a proper hydrology study. Even after that work the area flooded for years as the EPA or Core of Engineers or anyone did nothing.

The overall experience of having a quarry next to your house has been awful and still continues every day. We have dust because according to the quarry etc... they can dump 15 to 25% of their dirt into the area. Fremont County will not stop the speeding trucks and will not patrol or help in any way. The area has no protection from the EPA or any other agency in Colorado as they really don't want to get involved. A quarry will destroy these folks homes and lives.

At this point in time we have 6 or more quarries around the HW 1115 corridor. The traffic from these trucks has grown and become dangerous. They speed from 70 to 80 mph on a road tagged at 60mph. They ruin everyone's wind shields and we expect to replace them close to once a year. HW 115 has not been engineered to handle this traffic and this can be seen by how torn up the road is. In fact, quarry trucks have been asked to not use the left lanes that exist since they are in such bad repair. The sad part of this is that these roads have all been rebuilt in the last 5 to 10 years.

Beyond that we have an environmental issue in the area. The air is always dusty and cloudy and there is no way to change this. The idea that a new quarry on the EL Paso side is sad indeed. What an ugly eye sore for an area that already has so many.

I am totally opposed to this quarry and feel for the folks who would be impacted by this kind of experience.

Sincerely,

Kim McBride