

## **Transit Mix application**

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Ms. Eschberger:

Please find my letter of support for the Hitch Rack Quarry in El Paso County

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing 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 Concrete Company has long been an integral part of the El Paso County community and economy. It provided much of the concrete that built the Air Force Academy, Fort Carson, NORAD, and other iconic structures. With a positive track record stretching back more than seven decades, Transit Mix has earned the trust of its Colorado Springs neighbors. I have personally worked with Transit Mix over the past 34 years, and I have always found them honorable and trustworthy; they have always kept their word to me and to my business.

It's critically important that Transit Mix have a quarry in El Paso County. That's because Transit Mix supplies approximately 25% of the aggregate and 40% of the concrete purchased in Colorado Springs, and without a company quarry to produce aggregate, concrete prices on both private and public markets would spike significantly

Transit Mix has found in Hitch Rack Ranch the ideal location for its critically important quarry. With only 13 residences within one mile of its proposed permit boundary, Hitch Rack Ranch is more secluded than any other viable quarry site in range of the Colorado Springs market. By contrast, there are 1500 residences within one mile of Pikeview Quarry, which Transit Mix has pledged to close if permitted to open a quarry at Hitch Rack Ranch.

For these reasons among others, I urge the Mined Land Reclamation Board to approve Transit Mix's application.

Sincerely,

Mark Mahler, President Mahler GC General Contracting Co