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## Transit Mix Concrete Company's Application M2017-049

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Ms. Amy Eschberger

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Dear Ms. Eschberger,

I planned to send a physical letter, but our internet is out at home for an unspecified amount of time, so I am unable to print currently.

As a citizen of El Paso County, Colorado, and someone who regularly appreciates the ability to get away from the bustle of this city, I object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

The Nature Conservancy identified the proposed quarry area as "one of the last high-quality examples of southern Front Range foothills ecosystems." Colorado Department of Parks & Wildlife recognizes Lower Turkey Creek as a migration corridor for elk and connects the Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area, and BLM and National Forest lands, to Fort Carson. This area is mapped by the US Fish & Wildlife Service as critical habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl, a threatened species listed both by the federal and state governments.

TM's application fails to protect water resources, wildlife habitat and the easement rights of several property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road. It will increase noise pollution as well as general pollution for the area. It will also increase traffic on an already dangerous portion of 115.

I urge the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny TM's application. Additionally, I request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Yours truly,

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