



Transit Mix Quarry Objection Permit #M2017-049

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To: "amy.eschberger@state.co.us" <amy.eschberger@state.co.us>

Dear Ms. Eschberger,

THIS IS NOT A FORM LETTER. As we've learned from multiple expert testimonies, approval of the above referenced mining permit would be injurious to the health, welfare and lifestyle of all those living in and around the proposed mining area. Of additional concern is the negative affect the proposed mine/quarry would have on easement rights of a number property owners, may have on the fragile water supply system, and would have on wildlife habitat and all the creatures large and small that reside there.

A mining permit should not be approved without due consideration of the extraction and transportation process. If mining safety is a part of the consideration process then I submit that transportation of material is an inexorable part of the decision. State Highway 115 is already a dangerous road as any regular or occasional traveler can testify. An El Paso County deputy sheriff once referred to the road as a "ribbon of death". Since moving to Red Rock Valley 6 years ago, there have been at least four fatalities between mile marker 38 and 34 on Highway 115, adding at least some credibility to the somewhat dramatic definition previously mentioned. At the initial property owners meeting, we heard the description of the operation from the Transit Mix CEO in which he forecast up to 600 ADDITIONAL trucks daily. Add these numbers to an already crowded trucking highway and we see a recipe for disaster.

For all the reasons set forth above, I am voicing my most strenuous objection to Transit Mix Quarry Permit #M2017-049. In addition, I would request that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs. To allow it to be in Denver is simply a legal tactic to "dilute" the opposition.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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