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CDMRS Ms. Eschberger 1313 Sherman St, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Dear CDMRS:

I strongly object to the permit# M2017-049, Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry on Highway 115 South in Colorado Springs. I urge the MLRB to deny Transit Mixes application for this quarry.

This quarry will potentially add 600 more 18 wheelers to any already crowded and dangerous highway. Load coverage restrictions and speed enforcement is already lacking on this congested highway. My vehicles routinely sustain broken windshields and body damage from the flying debris. Winter weather makes this road almost impassable for cars much less 18 wheelers. Accidents along this highway are almost always catastrophic and they often close the highway for hours. My family traverses this road daily to commute to work and school. I often worry about their safety because of the lack of enforcement and the highway and we have not added the additional trucks. The CO DOT has yet to address how they would remedy the increased travel demands for this road.

This quarry would also infringe on property and water rights of many families currently living near the proposed location. When you live in an arid region water is very precious resource. What is the state or Transmit Mix going to do about the reduction in water, potential contaminates, and increased dust because of the quarry? This location is a migratory route for Rocky Mountain Elk, and it contains several protected species of wildlife. Wait, we have not even addressed what this quarry will do to the landscape. Just look on the north side of Colorado Springs and you can see the potential environmental scar.

Again, big business is prevailing over the common citizen. My family and I oppose M2017-049!

Sincerely,

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Brian C. Sutton