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## Support for Transit Mix new quarry

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Sat, Dec 16, 2017 at 9:43 AM

To: Amy.Eschberger@state.co.us

Amy,

Attached letter supporting Transit Mix Hitch Rack Ranch Quarry. Mel-Ro Construction has purchased concrete and materials from Transit Mix since 1965 and fully support this project.

Thanks,

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## CONSTRUCTION

To Whom It May Concern:

Dec. 16, 2017

I write 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.

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. At a time when home prices are already rising rapidly and infrastructure in Colorado is strained, a spike in concrete prices is the last thing the people of El Paso County need.

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,



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