

Quarry objection letter

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Amy, attached is my objection letter for the quarry in El Paso County. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Ms. Amy Eschberger Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Objection to Permit M2017-049

Ms. Eschberger:

I am a property owner within the Eagles Nest development located to the west of the proposed quarry. I object to Transit Mix Concrete Company's application M2017-049 to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

I live in the Mountain Shadows area of Colorado Springs that is within 1/4 of a mile from Transit Mix's current quarry, which I understand will be closed if the above new quarry is opened. I also own a cabin and adjacent lot in Eagles Nest. Lucky me!!! The quarry in Mountain Shadows had already been opened several years when we bought our home in Mountain Shadows, so we knew about the Mountain Shadows quarry when we bought our original home in 1994. I knew I couldn't complain about the quarry since it was already open and "they were there first". But I can complain about the prospect of opening the Hitch Rack Ranch quarry because "we were there first". I can't imagine a new quarry opening in an area that is surrounded by existing residential development. In fact, I have a hard time imagining a new quarry opening anywhere close to existing residential development, due to the multitude of reason highlighted in the Hitch Rack Ranch complaint. There is noise, dust, and at times, during the construction cycles very heavy truck traffic. There are existing homes within a few hundred yards of the proposed Hitch Rack Ranch quarry. These people bought and built homes never imagining a quarry might be approved bordering their property.

I urge the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny the application. I also request that the pre-hearing and MLRB hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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