



Re: Transit Mix quarry permit #M2017-049

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To: amy.eschberger@state.co.us, linda hodges <hikerhodges@gmail.com>

Dear Amy Eschberger:

It has just come to my attention that Transit Mix Concrete Company is seeking permission to open a quarry immediately adjacent to The Nature Conservancy property known as Aiken Canyon (under permit #M2017-049). Although I understand the acreage they are seeking is now half of what was previously requested, 200 acres *and* a new road is still an unacceptable compromise in recreational and wildlife resource values.

I have been to Aiken Canyon on a number of occasions and can attest that the habitat there, and in surrounding acreage, is among the finest examples of piñon and juniper forest ecosystem I have seen. It needs to remain contiguous to maintain its biological integrity. Additionally, the peacefulness and undisturbed nature of Aiken Canyon would be impaired by the noise of a quarry operation even if the topography were somehow left unscathed.

You have the formal letter drafted by Aiken Audubon Society that speaks to additional concerns. I endorse that stance, too, but wanted to express my deepening concerns over dwindling lands where I engage in my *right* to the pursuit of happiness in birds, reptiles, mammals, even insects and plants. These living things give me joy, as they do for many others not privy to quiet plans for resource extraction, and thus not voicing their opposition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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