

December 11, 2017

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

Dear Ms. Eschberger,

I am writing to strongly object to the Transit Mix proposed quarry, application number M2017-049, on Highway 115 at Hitch Rack Ranch, south of Colorado Springs. I am a homeowner who lives in the area affected by this proposed quarry.

The Transit Mix application jeopardizes the water resources of local residents, critical wildlife habitat, and violates easement rights of property owners along Little Turkey Creek Road. It proposes to merge into Highway 115 at a location known to those of us who live in the area as one the most dangerous sections of highway in the state. I have personally been parked on the highway for hours on several occasions awaiting the County Coroner's assessment of fatal accidents at that exact location.

My understanding is that Transit Mix is encouraging employees to write you letters of support. My suspicion is that none of them live in the affected area, which will see increased traffic density, increased personal auto damage from gravel, reduced property values and noise. All the while, three other existing quarries are still in use along the same highway, within a few miles of this proposed location.

I most strongly request the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) to deny Transit Mix's application.

Sincerely,

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