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Ms. Amy Eschberger Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203 DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY

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 frequent visitor to that area, because my mother-in-law is 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 travel this highway as one the most dangerous sections of highway in the state.

We strongly object to the quarry which will result in increased traffic density, increased personal auto damage from gravel, and 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.

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