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## DRMS RE: Lyon Pit M-1974-015 Martin Marietta VIOLATIONS & EXTENSION REQUEST

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Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 2:30 PM

Dear Ms. Eschberger,

I am a member of the SOSVV group hoping to prevent further gravel mining by Martin Marietta Materials in the Lyons/Hygiene area of Boulder County. This proposed action would affect more than persons in the immediate area, although the possibility of flooding, air and noise pollution, and traffic concerns would adversely affect their quality of life. As you are aware, the flooding in 2013 resulted from breaching of previous gravel ponds, and there is certainly no way to predict future rainfall and flooding events. But the whole area, including Longmont, could be adversely affected if the mining results in more flooding activity.

The Highway 66 corridor between Lyons and I-25 already is highly congested with traffic, affecting not only local residents and businesses but also the visitors attempting to access Estes Park and other recreational opportunities in the mountains. Additional mining traffic of over 200 gravel trucks traveling in each direction will contribute to the danger of this main artery, on which a number of fatal traffic incidents have already occurred in the past few years.

It is thought that the proposed gravel mining area may impact on sacred Native American burial grounds. There are many kinds of wildlife who would be threatened by the activity, including protected bald and golden eagles and a variety of other birds and mammals, some of which are endangered species (Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse and River Otters).

The protection of this environment is critical for people, animals and history as well, so we beseech the state not to allow any further concessions and extensions to Martin Marietta that would endanger residents (of all kinds) and their properties.

Sincerely

Anne Whitehurst

