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Mr. Peter Hays
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Re: Douglas Mountain Mine (M-2018-016)

Dear Mr. Hays:

It has come to my attention through my brother John Enochs of Empire, CO of a proposal to develop the meadow just south of his home at 14407 US Highway 40 Empire, CO. My wife, Marilyn and I respectfully request that this application be denied. Admittedly, we currently live in Casper, WY but spent 20 years from 1976 to 1996 living in the Georgetown area and raising a family. Although not currently having a direct stake in the outcome of this venture, we can see a very negative impact such an operation would have on the residents as well as all those from the Denver area who enjoy getting away to the peace of the mountains.

Twenty-two years ago, we left Colorado primarily because of the increased congestion along the I-70 corridor. Subsequently things have not gotten any better. With the addition of the 300 or so trucks a day added to what is already an overstressed highway system, the quality of the affected areas along the truck route will dramatically decline for the whole only to benefit the wealth of a few. The heavy loads will accelerate road deterioration requiring significant road repairs and ultimate detours at a significant cost.

In John's letter addressed June 4, 2018, he highlighted 8 points of concern, any one of which would be enough to deny this application under normal conditions. As a mining engineer myself and having worked at the Henderson Mine for eleven years, I understand the economic lure of such a venture but also see the series of long term and irreversible negative impacts that would scar the area forever.

Please listen to those who would be impacted by such a plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

James Enochs