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Fwd: Empire CO mining pit

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Polly Enochs. I am a resident of Empire Colorado and I am very concerned about the proposal of the mining pit that is proposed in the lovely elk meadow in Empire.

This project, while it may provide short term positive financial benefits for a small number of people, will be a detriment to the long term growth and economic development that Empire has the potential for. Clear Creek County has a reputation for being an ideal location for outdoor recreation. The installation of a large gravel pit would not do anything to serve that growing attraction. The local businesses will not be boosted by this project and upon doing more research, I believe that a gravel pit would only cause harm to the local economy.

This proposed project would also put many many animals into harms way that call the meadow home. The nations largest big horn sheep population call that meadow home along with the endangered green throat trout that thrive in the creek below.

The effect of the gravel pit would be extremely negative on the air quality too. This would impact the townspeople, the children, and the Easter Seals Camp called Rocky Mountain Village. The latter being a camp for people with physical and mental disabilities. Do we really need to subject more harm on an already at risk population?

Over all this proposal is an awesome breach of what our great state stands for. We are a group of avid outdoors people, a people who love the beauty and accessibility of the outdoors. Do we need to ruin a picturesque landscape with the potential of a few more rocks? I think not.

I urge you to let your better nature come to the forefront and do not allow this place to be destroyed.

Thank you,

Polly Enochs

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