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application number M-2018-039 Lamb Lakes

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To: jared.ebert@state.co.us

Dear Mr Ebert,

I'm writing to you today as a resident of northwest Fort Collins to express my objections to application number M-2018-039 Lamb Lakes. While similar work has clearly taken place in the past at the Lamb Lake site, the area is simply no longer suitable for the operations in the proposed project..

Nearby operations west of Taft Hill Road may seem similar, but on the ground there are massive, obvious differences between the two areas: the surrounding landscape west of Taft is open, dusty meadow, under soaring metal powerline towers. There are neighborhoods in the distance, but they are sprawling, low-density, single-family homes, and sheltered by the hillside and heavy vegetation. It's a sufficiently rural character for mining and water operations to take place without massive disruption, either to nearby residents, or users of the recreational Poudre Trail.

Once you travel east of Taft Hill Road on that trail, though there is a definite change—the power lines fork off to the South, and light fencing and trees line the right-of-way on both sides. Undeveloped pasture rises on hillsides beyond the project area. The rooftops of dense neighborhoods—Granada Heights and Hanna Farm—become visible in the distance. The proposed project site literally borders the Fort Collins City Limits.

While a Martin Marietta asphalt plant is also to the East of Taft Hill, its primary industrial operations are well off the Poudre Trail to the north, even further outside the City Limits than the Taft Hill ponds. Users are sheltered from the noise by large earthen embankments and a substantial amount of undeveloped space.

This proposed project site area is additionally ringed with preserved, protected open space, proving Fort Collins residents with as much calm and quiet as possible in such a dense region. In addition to the Poudre Trail Corridor, the Lincoln Middle School athletic fields are adjacent to the site, the Poudre River itself runs right by, and North Shields Ponds Natural Area is just across—all would be significantly impacted by the noise, exhaust, dust and other undesirable outcomes of work at the proposed area.

Simply put, the proposed project area—less than two miles from the heart of the fourth largest city in Colorado, along a very heavily used recreational path, surrounded by preserved, undeveloped open space, and less than two-tenths of a mile from densely-populated neighborhoods—is a terrible fit for this type of operation. The disruption it would cause easily overwhelms any supposed benefits it may bring. I strongly urge you not to approve this application

Sincerely,

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