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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 am writing to express my strong objections to proposal M-2018-039 Lamb Lakes in Fort Collins and to urge you to reconsider. The location of the proposed mining project has been my favorite spot in town to walk and run my dogs as well as connect with my community since I discovered its existence upon moving here 2 years ago. As I am fortunate enough to be within walking distance to "the ponds," as myself and many others affectionately call the area, I have spent at least an hour almost every day there (often, twice a day), enjoying the natural beauty of the area and getting my dogs and myself some much needed exercise and peace in nature. It has not only been a necessary nature outlet for me before/after work, but it has also been a place for social gathering, where I have met many acquaintances, several of which I now consider my friends. Almost daily, we meet at "the ponds" to walk our dogs and relieve the stresses of work and daily life. We use the ponds year-round- whether the temperature is 0 degrees or 100. While the ponds are especially appreciated to escape the heat of the summer, they are equally appreciated during the winter, when snowy walks there provide rare opportunities for solitude and peace in the midst of a busy city. This area is a truly unique community space that allows Fort Collins residents of varied backgrounds and careers to come together and appreciate the natural beauty this city has to offer. To take this away would be devastating not only to myself, but also to the members of our community that gather there.

In addition to being a valued community space, the ponds are home to a wide variety of wildlife. Mining these ponds and/or the construction of an impenetrable fence would not only uproot wildlife from its natural habitat, but would prevent it from passing through this area as it so often does, likely forcing it out on the busy streets nearby.

It seems there are ample areas to the west that do not foster this sort of environment where this project could be completed instead.

I know that I speak for many others when I say that I am so grateful for this area and the many outlets it provides. Therefore, I urge you to consider the opinions of your fellow Coloradoans and help us to preserve a very unique and raw, natural community space.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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