

Proposed Douglas Mountain Ranch Mining Project in Empire, Colorado

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I am writing to ask you to steadfastly oppose this project in every way you possibly can...

This project has not been well thought out. Adequate mitigation is not possible for the indigenous animals, and has not been realistically included in the permit application(s) to the Department of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety #M2018016.

The noise alone would heavily stress The Big Horn lambing grounds to the point of quite possibly eradicating this ancient herd. Already the pressures on this herd are making its long-term survival difficult. To add more encroachment is not in the best interests of the sheep, or the elk, moose, large carnivores, fish, raptors which live there - and the people of Colorado.

The eyesore of this strip-mine will also damage or destroy Tourism (being visible from I-70 and US 40) and human enjoyment of the plateau, adversely effect the low-impact planned Greenway routed through that area, and affect so much more in a negative manner that the project should be stopped before anymore time is wasted, or the animals are further disrupted and threatened by it.

Thank you for seriously considering this problematic proposed project. Please oppose it.

Sincerely,

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