



Objection Letter to the proposed Douglas Mountain Gravel Pit

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Dear Mr. Hayes,

Here's a letter with some information not included in any of my other letters. Thank you for your time and concern with this proposal. I really appreciate your efforts.

Thanks,

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

Dear Mr. Hays:

Our family home is located on Red Elephant Hill directly south of the proposed Douglas Mountain Mine. Our address is 14407 US Highway 40 Empire, CO. Our view is of the meadow owned by Douglas Mountain Ranch and Preserve. Throughout the year we observe large herds of Big Horn Sheep, Elk and Deer grazing in the meadow. We are extremely concerned with the possibility of a surface gravel mining operation in the meadow.

My wife Linda and I attended a meeting with Chris Pals, Jim Pals and Ben Langenfeld who is with Greg Lewicki and Associates, the Pal's engineer. The meeting was held during the afternoon of July 30th at the Pals' property. During the meeting, the impact of the mining operation on our home was discussed. After this discussion, Chris Pals offered to purchase our home due to the negative impacts of the mining operation.

We built our home starting in 1986 and moved in in 1987. We raised our children there and plan to live out the rest of our lives there. It is estimated that the gravel pit will be in operation for the next 25-30 years which will make living there impossible. This is due to the impacts on the quality of our lives; 24-hour operations, noise, dust and light pollution from mining equipment and trucking. The mine will not benefit residents of the valley. It will destroy a beautiful wildlife habitat and decrease the quality of life for all the residents.

In conclusion, this project will permanently change the valley and have a huge negative effect on the environment and residents of Clear Creek County. This application should be denied, and the project should not be permitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Enochs