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Application for Modification of Claim - Section 13

1 message

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I am writing on the behalf of my friends and family to ask that the (Application for a Modification of Claim - Section 13) from Zephyr Minerals be denied. This area is one of very few hiking and mountain biking areas so close and conveniently located to residents of Fremont and Pueblo counties. The value of open space and wildlife habitat for local residents would definitely be compromised and potentially ruined forever if gold or minerals are mined in this area.

We still see the scars throughout Colorado due to mineral extraction over a century ago and we cannot risk the possible water contamination that results from this type of mining. Nor should we deal with the unsightly aesthetics of tailing piles and mining debris. I am sure that you remember the recent incident near Durango that filled the Animas river with toxic debris. We should avoid potentially damaging mining operations in this area, as Canon City already has environmental issues caused by the old Cotter Uranium site. Please help us to preserve this area by limiting or outlawing any new roads within this recreational area and denying any future mining. Thanks, Mark Shipe

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