

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

December 3, 2019

Katie Todt Greg Lewicki and Associates 3375 West Powers Circle Littleton, CO 80123

RE: Objection Received, 112c Construction Materials New Permit Application, Bradford Mesa Quarry, Permit No. M-2019-046

Dear Ms. Todt:

On October 3, 2019, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) determined the 112c New Permit Application for the Bradford Mesa Quarry was complete for the purposes of filing. The Division received the enclosed objection, from the following parties and/or interested persons:

1) Robert and Jacqueline Pietrs, received December 2, 2019

Please inform the Division how the Applicant intends to address the jurisdictional issues raised by the Objector.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at <u>patrick.lennberg@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Objection Letter from Robert and Jacqueline Pietrs, received December 2, 2019

cc: Jared Ebert; Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety



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November 23, 2019 To: Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING AND SAFETY

From: Robert and Jacqueline Pietrs Owners of Lot 1 Cuerno Verde Ranches Walsenburg, Colorado

Re: Our objection to Southway Construction Company, Inc. of Alamosa, Colorado mining or operating a quarry at the Bradford Mesa Quarry located near Section 36, Township 26 South, Range 66 West, 6th Prime Meridan near Walsenburg Colorado.

Our objections include David and Cheryl Rogers objections:

*Our property values will greatly decrease and our beautiful views will be destroyed and lung destroying pollutants will be spewed throughout the area. Instead of our southerly hilltop view of mountains and pristine grassland and various wildlife we would be hearing and watching 45 ton trucks and other equipment parading back and forth for 12 hours per day.

*County roads and the bridge are not designed to support the weight of the trucks and mining equipment and will be in a constant state of disrepair.

*The prevailing winds are the from the West and are commonly very strong and our properties will be under a continual "Dust Storm" due to dirt and dust from the mining and rock crushing operations.

*Most of the wildlife (antelope, deer, coyotes, bobcats, owls, hawks, wolverines and birds) would be driven from the area by dirt, dust and noise – possibly not to return.

*Possibility the Bradford Mesa has historical and other significance to Indians. This should be researched before allowing the mining the Mesa which might desecrate a place that may be sacred to the Indians.

*Huerfano County subscribes to the "dark sky" policy. The light from the night operations will radiate for miles.

*According to Mr. Roger's research, dynamite blasting up to 60 feet deep can be felt for up to 6 miles way and may incur property damage including structure and windows depending on the strength of the blast. These factors greatly depreciate the value of our own land and any homes and is of great concern to us.

Our hilltop lot as magnificent vistas. We have views of mountains on the three sides and the other side of the land has views that resemble unusual moon craters. We enjoy BLM land to the east and south side of our land. We are the first lot in and it is a million dollar view we do not want to see destroyed. Please do not allow the beauty and solitude of this beautiful area to be destroyed and our investments devalued.

Sincerely Jacqueline Pietre **Robert and Jacqueline Pietrs**

603 Marion Drive, Madison Alabama 35758