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COLORADO

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REF: permit P2013002 Grape Creek mineral exploration

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To: "tim.cazier@state.co.us" <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

Tim,

I am writing in opposition of application permit P2013002 of Zepher Minerals for a mining lease in the Grape Creek/Horseshoe Mountain Stewardship Trust property.

I believe the minuses greatly outweigh the pluses. Increased ground and air traffic present a potentially adverse impact on Grape Creek and environs, especially to the air and water quality. I reside in Texas and have seen the damage to the air quality and the degradation of the roads in far West Texas where fracking is taking place. I have traveled from Texas to Canyon City to flyfish in Grape Creek with a local guide and found not only the fishing wonderful, but the hike into the canyons to be beautiful. With the loss of water quality to support the trout fisheries, not only would it eliminate the fish, but the loss of income for local guides and flyshops.

While in the canyons, I noted the presence of a Bluethroated Hummingbird, very rare in Colorado, but in a habitat where it is normally found. I'm concerned that additional helicopter traffic will disturb the Hummingbird and thus rob the potential of Colorado birders to view the bird. Of course, I need to add that tourism is a large part of income, tax wise, in Colorado and it would be a shame to lose a long term income as opposed to a short term income that isn't even a guarantee.

I certainly hope to return to a pristine Grape Creek in the future to fish and enjoy the wildlife and thus support the local economy. So, please reject this application.

Sincerely,

Vern Berry – Dallas, Texas