

RE: Modification to Permit # P 2020 002

We, the Dawson Ranch Homeowners Association Board, which represents 490 properties, are seeking your denial of Zephyr Minerals' request to drill exploration holes near Grape Creek. This location is in a wilderness study area, regularly used by hikers and fishermen and is home to a large population of wildlife. The impact of helicopter and drilling noise will not only impact the residents of Dawson Ranch, but greatly impact the wildlife. The proximity of the drilling sites to Grape Creek creates the likelihood of water pollution and potential fish contamination. Grape Creek is used by many anglers searching for trout.

This expansion of Zephyr Minerals original exploration permit contributes to the perception that Zephyr means to "chip away" at the original permit limitations and seek expanded approvals to continue to damage the terrain with no or minimal consideration to the surrounding wilderness area. The only reason Zephyr wants to do this exploration is to promote/enhance the value of their claims so they can increase the value of their investment. There are no upside benefits from this exploration. There are no permanent jobs, minimal (if any) increased taxation, and minimal local revenue increase. There are, however, significant downsides to the environment, quality of life, and wildlife. We are also concerned about the abilities, credibility, and trustworthiness of Zephyr when they trenched on BLM land designated as a Wilderness Area without a permit. Why would they not encroach again? What precludes them from making additional mistakes? For example: how would anyone know if they exceed the allowed ("leased") allocation of water from Grape Creek or discharging contaminated water into Grape Creek?

The timing is also bad for any speculative exploration. In the middle of the COVID-19 crisis and economic chaos, there is no purpose for a non-essential, promotional activity.

Please deny this permit modification indefinitely because there are only downsides and poor timing associated with this exploration.

Thank you for your consideration in this important manner.

Michael Gromowski, Chair

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Denial Request for P 2020 002

1 message

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Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 11:38 PM

Tim,

Attached please find the modified denial request regarding Zephyr Mining reapplication for modification to their permit.

Thank you,

Kathy Worthington, Secretary
Dawson Ranch HOA



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