

STATE OF
COLORADO

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No to Zephyr Expansion - NOI permit # P2020002

1 message

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Dear DRMS and Tim Cazier,

I am writing you to beg you NOT to approve Zephyr Mineral's expansion of their permit. It is already a travesty that they were permitted at all, given that the area where they are working is in the Grape Creek - Horseshoe Mountain State Stewardship Trust Parcel, which is **designated to be managed for "only those uses that will protect and enhance the beauty, natural values, open space and wildlife habitat of those lands."**

Those of us who live nearby, recreate on the fabulous trail system, and appreciate the scenic nature, and value the wildlife and native plants do NOT want to see this permit allowed! This is an area of critical environmental concern - it is not possible to fly helicopters, drill pads, pump water out of Grape Creek, without having serious environmental impacts.

Grape Creek is one of the areas proposed for wilderness designation under the Protect America's Wilderness Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives on February 12th. I am completely in favor of the Grape Creek Wilderness Study Area being designated as a wilderness - and this permit would negatively affect this designation.

Why allow a foreign company, with no track record, where we have NO WAY of holding them accountable for cleanup, who hasn't even started the exploration (so why do they need to triple their permit?) destroy one of our last wild and scenic areas?

Please, please please do NOT allow this expansion. No mining should have been allowed in the first place.

Sincerely,
Irene Shonle
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