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COLORADO****Cazier - DNR, Tim <tim.cazier@state.co.us>**

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**Aaron Formby** <adformby92@gmail.com>  
To: tim.cazier@state.co.us

Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 7:55 AM

Dear Tim,

As a Canon City resident, I stand in strong opposition to the Zephyr Minerals permit to expand its exploration into the Grape Creek Wilderness Area. Grape Creek is a recreational utility for our community and is regularly used to introduce our youth to the stewardship practices needed to protect our wild resources. Grape Creek Wilderness Area is uniquely valuable to our community in its ability to start the conversation of natural resource management, conservation, and the importance of outdoor recreation. Our region is heavily reliant on tourism and our ability to keep people coming back to the area - if we allow outside interests to exploit our wild lands, it will have a disastrous affect on our regions ability to introduce that clientele to the beauty of Fremont County.

The link below is to a video filmed by The Department of Geosciences at Texas Tech about their Field Camp and its use of the Grape Creek Wilderness Area.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlwxDv0zN2w&fbclid=IwAR1byCjaC1AIRvSLy6GFVEX9xIAi\\_bolycHfdyQoqo-4zn3cxVF7QY3sLxM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlwxDv0zN2w&fbclid=IwAR1byCjaC1AIRvSLy6GFVEX9xIAi_bolycHfdyQoqo-4zn3cxVF7QY3sLxM)

I implore you to reconsider the approval of this mining permit as it will threaten our ability to teach future generations the importance of our natural resources and proper utilization of said resources; something that I don't believe to be happening here.

Cheers,

Aaron Formby