



Peak Ranch Resource

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I just read the notice of application filed by Peak Materials for commencement of sand and gravel mining operations on the Peak Ranch site. While I realize that there is a need for Peak Materials products in Summit County, I would like to point out an adverse impact that will impact the thousands of cyclists who enjoy riding bicycles from Silverthorne to Ute Pass Road, up Ute Pass Road and back to Silverthorne. This is a popular ride enjoyed by both visitors and local residents. The impacts can be mitigated.

Truck traffic from Peak Materials MCR site has proven to be a continuous problem for bikers returning from Ute Pass Road and Heaney along the shoulder of Highway 9 for years. Although the drivers are careful and considerate of bikers, the trucks continuously loose material along the road which is pushed onto the shoulder by traffic, causing a hazard to bikers. This hazard currently exists southward from the Peak Materials plant located at MCR. The proposal would extend it 4 or 5 miles to the new location because trucks would now be transporting materials from the proposed mining site to the processing plant.

I would suggest that as a condition of issuing the permit, the applicant be required to extend the recreation path northward from its terminus in Silverthorne to the norther boundary of the proposed site.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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