



Letter of Objection to Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
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RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to seek Party status to testify about the above-mentioned application by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource.

I am specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

I believe a gravel mine in the Lower Blue River Valley will adversely impact:

Water well water quantity and/or quality,(wells may eventually run dry due to mining)
Wildlife (including the Blue River fishery)
Peak's reclamation plan is inadequate
230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek for processing, creates a safety hazard for humans and wildlife, potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, bikers to get run over by gravel trucks, and gravel trucks to collide with cars entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

Also it's bad idea to put a gravel mine in the middle of a rural agrarian valley with:

- Federal Wilderness on both sides,
- 1000s of acres of County protected open space,
- 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements,
- An ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status,
- Wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek,
- No existing industrial activity,
- Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

Please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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