

September 13, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

3313 Sherman St.

Denver, CO 80203

RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

To whom it may concern,


I am writing to seek Non-Party status to testify about the 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 will adversely impact wildlife, (including the Blue River fishery) directly or indirectly because of air pollution, noise, and alteration of the native geology negatively impacting the quantity and/or quality of well water. Peak's reclamation plan is inadequate.

Even though DRMS is not required to address highway safety, but it is obvious that 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for eight months out of the year back and forth to Maryland Creek for processing, creates a huge safety hazard for humans and wildlife. There is potential for these huge trucks to collide with wildlife, hikers, and cyclists. Gravel trucks could pose a hazard too for the many vehicles entering or exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

It's a bad idea to put a gravel mine in the middle of a rural agrarian valley with Federal Wilderness on both sides, thousands of acres of County protected open space, and thousands of working ranches forever protected by conservation easements. It's clear to me that industrial activity particularly of this nature is antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley. There is inherent protection from Summit County's Blue Master Plan to block such industrial activity. I strongly object to the plan to allow gravel mining for any reason in the Lower Blue River Valley.

Very Truly Yours,



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