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## Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
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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:

My family has lived off of Highway 9, <1 mile south of proposed mining location, since 1978. What was once an idyllic valley has slowly given way to “progress” as more and more vehicles travel through to get to points to the north and south. Our development (Sierra Bosque) is situated along a straight portion of the highway where, as soon as vehicles round a bend, they overtake slower vehicles as soon as possible, seemingly using the highway as a racetrack. Every semi-truck immediately gets passed by long streams of cars that essentially play chicken with oncoming traffic. Adding several hundred semi-truck trips per day will undoubtedly turn many of these adventure seeking Mario Andretti types into hunks of twisted metal as there isn’t even enough room for all of the vehicles of today. “Jesus Take the Wheel” is a popular song, but is also a mantra for everyone living off of this highway when we hit the turn signal, wait for a clear shot, and Frogger our way off of this 2-lane speedway.

The vehicle traffic is only our personal selfish reason for opposing this project (a few traffic deaths here and there are no big deal in the quest to haul gravel I suppose). As we speak I am certain that Peak Materials and their army of lawyers are gathering environmental data that shows there is no lasting impact on their lumbering machines working in such close proximity to the Blue River. If any of the MLRB members were to physically drive by their current Hwy 9 operation they might not even notice their gigantic operation they continually expand; an operation that we were told would wind down as incentive to allow the application to build hundreds of homes in the adjacent Summit Sky development. Their huge dragline excavator spewing black smoke and feeding their endless trains of conveyor systems is a remarkable addition to the beautiful views of the Gore Range. Already, countless semi-trucks down shift as they approach the entrance to this godawful open pit, across from nesting Bald Eagles and meandering moose and elk.

Please don’t allow this Company to expand to the north. They have already done enough damage to the Lower Blue River Valley. Thank you for taking the time to read this email of opposition.

I wish to be heard at the public hearing of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board when the Board takes up this application. Please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time, location and format for this meeting.

Sincerely,  
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Between our 2 residences are 6 household members