



COLORADO
**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 18, 2020

Ben Langenfeld
Greg Lewicki and Associates
3375 W. Powers Circle
Littleton, CO 80123

**Re: Kilgore Companies, Inc.; Peak Ranch Resource; M2020-041;
Notice of Objections to Construction Materials Regular (112) Amendment Application**

Mr. Langenfeld,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received timely objections to the Peak Ranch Resource application, File M2020-041. The objections were received within the public comment period which began on August 28, 2020 and ends October 8, 2020.

Timely objections received:

Date(s) of Objection	First Name	Last Name	Topic
09/11/20	Eric	Johnson	traffic/water
09/11/20	Frank	Bursynski	ecology/viewshed
09/12/20	Jackie	Smith	list
09/12/20	William	Schubert	traffic
09/12/20	Judy	Schultz	list
09/12/20	Donna	Winslow-Arnove	traffic, surface and GW, ecology
09/12/20	Astrid	Force	ecology, traffic, GW
09/13/20	Richard	Mason	unaltered form letter
09/13/20	Patricia	Wede	list
09/14/20	Deborah	Chaparas	traffic, environment
09/14/20	Marek	Szkudlanski	list
09/15/20	C Thomas	Kaesemeyer	list
09/16/20	Jeremy	Hakes	list
09/17/20	Matt	Porrey	traffic/view
09/17/20	Tom	Koehler	list



Copies of the written objections are enclosed for your records pursuant to Rule 1.7.1(3). These objections can also be viewed at: <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/search.aspx?dbid=0>

If you have any questions, please contact me at eric.scott@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Eric Scott

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS



Gravel Pit

1 message

Eric Johnson <ericmunchjohnson@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 12:50 PM

Hello,

As a long time resident of Summit County, I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed gravel pit on highway 9 north of Silverthorne:

- We don't need the gravel
- The additional truck traffic is hazardous to our health. It will tear up our roads, snarl our traffic, be dangerous to bikers and destroy the tranquility of the Lower Blue River Basin.
- Mining operations likely would contaminate the Blue River harming an already fragile ecosystem and intrude, deplete and contaminate local well water.

Thanks for your attention to this important issue

Eric Johnson

147 Lake View Circle East,

Farmers Corner



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September 15, 2020

Eric Johnson
147 Lake View Circle East
Farmers Corner ?? ?????

Re: Kilgore Companies; Peak Ranch Resource; Incomplete Objection Letter

Mr. Johnson,

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If you have any questions, you may contact me at eric.scott@state.co.us or (303) 229-9414.

Sincerely,

Eric Scott
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS





Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

FRANK BURSZYNSKI <fburzynski@comcast.net>
To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 3:37 PM

September 11, 2020

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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 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:
-Negative Impact on Ecology of The Area
-Destruction of visual appeal of the area (I am a photographer)

I wish MY OPINION 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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,
Frank Burzynski
1511 S Zang St
Lakewood, CO 80228
fburzynski@comcast.net

Number of people in your household___4___

Frank Burzynski
720-254-4096
fburzynski@comcast.net



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Jackie Smith <jsmith0414@msn.com>

Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 11:05 AM

To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Lyons
2303 Eleuthera Place
Seffner, FL 33584
(813)966-1751
JSmith0414@msn.com
2 in my household



Public Comment - DRMS File No. M2020041 - New Gravel Pit application

1 message

William Schubert <wschubert@intl-tt.com>

Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Reply-To: wschubert@intl-tt.com

To: drms.temp@state.co.us

In compliance with Construction Materials Rule 1.7.1(2)(a), please note the following:

Name of Commenting Party: The Honorable William G. Schubert

Mailing Address: PO Box 811, Silverthorne Colorado, 80498 (for physical address [135 Game Trail Road, Silverthorne, Colorado, 80498](#))

Phone Number: 970-262-7859

I am submitting my comments which are strongly opposed to issuing a mining permit to Peak Materials as a resident of Silverthorne, Colorado. We have owned a property in Summit County the past 15 years and have certainly witnessed first-hand the operations of the current mine owner. As such, the residents of Summit County have no basis to believe that the new mine will be operated any better. Simply put by a recent article in the Summit Daily by Susan Knopf, **"The additional truck traffic is hazardous to our health. It will tear up our roads, snarl our traffic, be dangerous to bikers and destroy the tranquility of the Lower Blue River Basin"**.

In addition, as a former Administrator at the US Department of Transportation (2001-2005), I also have insights into the negative impact on roads and bridges that are caused by excessive trucking. I had the honor of serving Secretary of Transportation, Norm Mineta, and assisting him in passing through Congress and enacting the SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT, OF 2004. In this legislation, we were very concerned about mitigating damage to roads caused by heavy truck loads. Please note that on average trucks alone cause approximately 60% of the damage to our roads and bridges. It has been reported that if the new mine is issued a permit, it will result in about **230 additional truck loads per day**. This is in addition to the current truck load entering and exiting the existing facility. This simply cannot be sustainable over a period of time and will result in rapid deterioration of our roads. In these days of limited funds to support transportation infrastructure, the minimal cost benefit to the mine owners, does not outweigh the cost of the destruction to our fragile transportation infrastructure and the taxpayer.

Respectfully Submitted

William G Schubert



Gravel Mining Operation application

1 message

Judy Schultz <judyschultz@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 1:29 PM

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Sincerely,
/Judith E. Schultz/
Judith E. Schultz
836 E 17th Ave 1B Denver, CO
201-403-6230
judyschultz@gmail.com
Number of people in your household ___1___

Sent from my iPad



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Judy Schultz
836 E 17th Ave 1B
Denver CO ?????

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Sincerely,

Eric Scott
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS



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From: **Donna Winslow-Arnove** <donnaw12151953@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

Subject: File#M2020041

To: <dmg_web@state.co.us>

I understand that the public can comment on File#M2020041 re gravel pit in N. Silverthorne. I am against this. I think it will harm our delicate ecosystem, the Blue River, and contaminate our local well water. The increased truck travel will damage our already bad roads and increase our already traffic problems on Highway 9.

I vote NO! on this gravel pit.

Donna Winslow-Arnove

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Donna

Winslow-Arnove

PO Box24582

Silverthorne, Co. 80497

305-331-2118

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From: **Astrid Force** <astridforce@icloud.com>

Date: Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 10:46 AM

Subject: RE: DRMS file# M2020041

To: <dmg_web@state.co.us>

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Peak Materials 80 acre gravel pit. We live in Summit County and witness the constant traffic backups at the Silverthorne and I70 intersection. The County and CDOT has been studying this problem for some time now. We do need an additional several hundred trucks hauling heavy materials added to this stretch of road. Additional mining operations in this area will also adversely impact the Blue River harming an already fragile ecosystem. It would most likely also deplete and contaminate local well water. Peak materials is behind on reclamation and now wants to expand which is totally unacceptable.

We do not need another gravel pit in Summit County destroying the Blue river ecosystem and ruining Highway 9 between the requested location and Interstate 70.

I strongly recommend you deny this request.

Sincerely,

Astrid Force

PO Box 5912

[460 Tenderfoot St, #n](#) 208

Dillon CO



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Astrid Force
PO Box 5912
Dillon CO ?????

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Sincerely,

Eric Scott
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Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS





(no subject)

1 message

Richard Mason <sallyandrichard@me.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Sun, Sep 13, 2020 at 5:39 PM

Good morning. We are asking for your help to stop development of a gravel pit being proposed for our beautiful valley. If you've visited here or even seen our pics, you probably understand that the natural environment here is really special.

All we are asking is that you copy, past and EMAIL the following letter with your signature and address at the bottom. You can leave it as it is (if you agree with all the reasons) or add/change/delete the reasons as you'd like.

We thank you in advance if you can help out. We will keep you posted. Thanks again.

Email to:
drms.temp@state.co.us

9/12/2020

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Sincerely,

(Your Signature)
(Your Legal Name)
(Your Legal Address)
(Your Mailing Address if different)
(Your Telephone Number)

(Your Email address)

Number of people in your household_____

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Richard Mason

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Sincerely,

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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,



Patricia Wede

4523 W. Oswego Ave.

Fresno, CA 93722

of persons in household: 2

510-504-3069

patricewede@gmail.com

Fwd: DRMS File No. M2020041

2 messages

DRMS - DNR, DMGweb <dnr_dmg_web@state.co.us>

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 8:15 AM

To: Russ Means - DNR <russ.means@state.co.us>, Eric Scott - DNR <eric.scott@state.co.us>

Cc: Camille Mojar - DNR <camille.mojar@state.co.us>

Hello again:

Here is another message from our DMG general website.

Thank you

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From: **Deborah Chaparas** <chappy6096@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, Sep 12, 2020 at 11:15 PM

Subject: DRMS File No. M2020041

To: dmg_web@state.co.us <dmg_web@state.co.us>

I would like to comment on why I believe the new gravel pit on Colorado Highway 9 just north of where my family lives will be disastrous to our way of life as we know it in Silverthorne. I had heard rumors about the expansion of mining operations with Peak Materials last year during a homeowners meeting but someone told me it was on hold for the time being. However, over the past year I have noticed more and more Peak trucks running up and down Hwy 9. These trucks are heavy and loud and dangerous to other drivers and people walking on the sidewalk as they speed through town. I can't imagine over two hundred of them flying past Silverthorne Elementary on a daily basis not to mention the environmental impact the mining will have on our community. I implore you to prevent Peak Materials from expanding their mining operations north of Silverthorne.

Thank you,

Deborah Harlan, Capt, USAFR, Ret.

[1792 Hamilton Creek Rd.](#)

[Silverthorne, CO. 80498](#)

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



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September 15, 2020

Deborah Harlan
1792 Hamilton Creek Rd
Silverthorne CO 80498

Re: Kilgore Companies; Peak Ranch Resource; Incomplete Objection Letter

Ms. Harlan/Chaparas,

On September 12, 2020 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received your objection letter for the proposed Peak Ranch Resource reclamation permit, M2020-041. The submittal was missing required information (phone #). In order to be considered a party to the application process, you must provide your name, mailing address and phone number pursuant to Rule 1.7.1(2)(a). Please provide the Division with the required information by the close of the public comment period on October 8, 2020.

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Sincerely,

Eric Scott
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS





Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Marek Szkudlapski <marek.szkudlapski@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 2:40 PM

9/14/2020

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Sincerely,

Marek Szkudlapski
Marek Andrzej Szkudlapski
3 Abbington Lane
Robbinsville, NJ 08691
(609) 439-1723
marek.szkudlapski@gmail.com
Number of people in your household 4

Tom and Sally Kaesemeyer
363 Garfield Street
Denver, CO 80206

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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION
MINING AND SAFETY

September 9, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203
RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource
(File No. M2020041)

To Whom it May Concern:

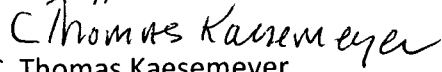
I am writing a letter of Objection to the application by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource. It would enable the firm to mine gravel for 15 years. We and our Pebble Creek Homeowners Association (19 homes and 38 residents) are convinced that the application should be rejected. The proposed, additional mining activity violates the principles of Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, and economic values of the valley, and its sustainability.

The Lower Blue Valley has Federal Wilderness lands on both sides of Route 9; it includes thousands of acres of County protected Open Space plus 1000's of acres of working ranches protected from developers by in-perpetuity conservation easements. Residents in the valley actively volunteer in County and individual efforts to eradicate noxious weeds, remove dead Pine Beetle infested trees, monitor trails and remove roadside trash. Pebble Creek Ranch residents are good stewards of their water and forest inheritance. It is the first "Firewise" community in Summit County recognized by The National Fire Protection Association in 2016. *Sally and I have had our house at Pebble Creek Ranch since 1991.*

We believe that Peak's mining plan will adversely impact wildlife, air and water quality and exacerbate the growing problem of overuse of state lands by the public. The 230 one-way gravel truck trips a-day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek present a safety (and noise) hazard for motorists, bikers, hikers and wildlife. Even without the additional traffic from the mining proposal, Route 9 is already congested year-round.

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

Sincerely,



C. Thomas Kaesemeyer

363 Garfield Street

Denver, CO 80206

303-829-1642

tkskaesemeyer@gmail.com

Number of people in our household 9

cc. District 3 Candidates for County Commissioner: Josh Blanchard: electjoshb@gmail.com;

Bruce Butler: burlerforboc@gmail.com; Erin Young: erin@redbuffalocafe.com



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Jeremy Hakes <jeremyhakes@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 11:51 AM

As you are aware, the area is surrounded by public lands including designated Wilderness areas, thousands of acres of County open space, an ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status, as well as thousands of acres of working ranches protected by conservation easements.

All of those things will be put in jeopardy by this process.

I urge you to deny this application.

Thank you.

Jeremy Hakes

686 Entrada Dr, Golden, Co 80401

jeremyhakes@gmail.com

303.278.3249



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1 message

Matt Porrey <mporrey@ionex.us>

Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 8:15 AM

To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

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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,
Matthew D Porrey

1557 and 1586 Blue Ridge Rd (County Rd 1400), PO Box 482, Silverthorne, CO 80497
303-947-8535

mporrey@ionex.us

Between our 2 residences are 6 household members

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

The project is adjacent to the Lower Blue and will have injurious harm on the quality of the water. This has economic impact as the lower blue is a robust stretch for the angling community. It also has an adverse impact on valued wildlife in the area.

The proposal conflicts with the County Master Plan and Lower Blue Plan as the environmental impact is immense considering the daily truck trips that will emit pollutants and carbon. We need to work to achieve our goals and do so with robust consideration of the Climate Action Plan signed on by the County.

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 and location for this meeting.

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