

September 21, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

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

To whom it may concern:

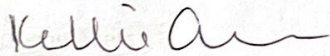
I am writing to seek Party status to testify about the above-mentioned application by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource.

I am a resident of the Elk Run neighborhood, the neighborhood directly across the highway from the proposed site. Peak Materials failed to recognize us as a party affected by the mine and I grossly disagree. I am specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

- We all live on well water and know what a precious commodity it is. The study provided by Peak Materials only includes wells within 600 feet of the proposed pit. Arguably mining 400,000 tons of rock yearly for 10 years will have a much farther reaching impact than 600 feet. The potential loss of our well water is detrimental to the livelihood of numerous families.
- The proposed site is located along Highway 9, an increasingly busy and historically dangerous highway. The highway between the proposed site and Maryland Creek is clearly not designed for the increase in gravel truck traffic and will create additional safety hazards for both humans and wildlife.
- Environmental implications in this pristine valley that is not zoned for commercial use are too numerous to list: from Federal Wilderness, to wildlife and fishery to name a few. Is their reclamation plan really adequate enough to address the environmental impacts from such a mine?

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.

Sincerely,



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