

Peak Materials aka Peak Ranch Resource

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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 <u>Party</u> status to testify about an application by Peak Materials to create a **new** gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource.

I couldn't be more strongly against the seeking of a mining permit by Peak Materials in my valley for a plethora of reasons. Those reasons are: elk migrate through this area; this is an agriculturally zoned area and mining is the antithesis of agricultural use and does comply with the Lower Blue Master Plan; the noise and dust and traffic created would have very detrimental impacts on wildlife and those who live in proximity to this area...and who chose this area for its natural beauty and peace; the Blue River is threatened as an asset and resource: traffic on Highway 9 has increased exponentially over the last 3 years with tourists and cars can be in lines 20-30 long on a daily basis. drivers become very impatient as it is now and I have had near head-on crashes with drivers who attempt to pass out off frustration. More trucks will only exacerbate the road rage; Peak Materials has other sources for gravel right now; Peak material will discharge into the Blue River and rafting enthusiasts float past this area; Peak Materials at its present site employs reckless drivers who speed and weave without regard for others. I was personally nearly killed by a Peak Materials driver who was going too fast on his way to the pit heading N, ran the red stoplight at the elementary school due to speed and at the last second as he was barreling down on my stopped car swerved to avoid me and ran the light. I followed him into the plant and I went into the office to complain. They are very casual about their drivers recklessness. I have to pass by the present mining site everyday to go into Silverthorne and now you might allow it to move into my neighborhood? I say do not even try. There is no way to mitigate the destruction that will take place every day to our sanity and life. Deny the permit!

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