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Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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From: **Jennifer Boyer** <jenlaurenboyer@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Subject: P2020011 public comment in opposition

To: <dnr_dmg_web@state.co.us>

Good morning,

I am a resident and homeowner in Hesperus, Colorado and yesterday I learned that an exploratory drilling operations permit P2020011 has been filed with DRMS for a copper mine in La Plata Canyon. As a resident of this area, I am strongly in opposition of this permit. Although I understand that this permit is the first step and exploratory with a "small footprint", it is still unnecessary and opens up the door for a future mine. Even if small, it is still a disruption of the environment. The La Plata River provides drinking water for thousands (considering its traverse south through the County) of residents, including my household. This area has several neighborhoods with families and communities that will be impacted by potential mining. Also the La Plata River has been continually stressed due to ongoing drought. Despite the drought, there is a thriving fish population that remains and it would be awful to see this precarious population disrupted. I do not understand the need for a copper mine in this location and cannot imagine that this endeavor will produce anything more than a bad legacy in our neighborhood. Living in the shadow of the Gold King Mine has made all of us in this region acutely aware of what can go wrong. We do not need an active mine, nor a legacy mine that is abandoned and which we the community are then stuck with remediation. And the first step to prevent a future mine and the associated problems, is to deny this exploratory drilling permit.

I implore you to consider the health of the river, the environment and the people of these communities and decline this permit. We care about this canyon and this river. Please help us maintain the community we love and contribute to.

All the best,
Jennifer Boyer
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