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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 wife Latonya and myself have lived in the Lower Blue River Valley for 14 years and we specifically purchased our home because of the lack of industrial activity in this pristine river valley. This valley is a national treasure and home to National Forests, large ranching, and agricultural operations that coexist with nature. There are multiple raptor nesting sites including the American Bald Eagle, Red Tailed Hawks, and Osprey. This area has thousands of acres that are included in the County protected open space easements. There is currently one operating gravel mine located on the border of Silverthorne and it is the only commercial activity in the entire river valley. This is one of the few areas left that is close to the Denver metro area that allows thousands of visitors to recreate in a pristine Colorado river valley.

We worry about the effects of the increased commercial truck activity on a narrow 2 lane stretch of highway with multiple curves and hills in adverse weather conditions where there have already been multiple accidents. As we live along this stretch of highway and have had multiple incidents trying to enter our neighborhood where we've almost been rear ended while trying to make a left turn I'm highly worried about the safety of a heavily loaded rock truck trying to stop coming down hill on an icy winter road and either killing me or my wife or one of the other people who live in my neighborhood. Without a left turn lane or acceleration lane to enter highway 9 at Sierra Bosque and the increase of commercial traffic I find this to be highly unsafe.

Finally the Summit County Master Plan considers any industrial activity as inconsistent with the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley. The increased traffic noise and pollution from the heavy equipment is in stark contrast to these values. Not to mention the impact on migrating herds of deer and elk from their winter and summer ranges along the valley, the potential effect not only on the well water quality and river water not only for local users but any downstream users.

I wish to be heard at the public hearing of the Colorado Mining 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. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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