

September 23, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in concern 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 disturbed by this proposed project for the reasons listed below:

1. My property and home are across the street from the proposed site which, if approved, will greatly impact my well resulting in loss of water for both my residence and horses.
2. My property is beyond the 600 feet. Their study only includes 600 ft. within their proposed pit. If you remove 400,000 ton of rock yearly for 10 years this will substantially disturb the wells within more than 600 ft.
3. Mining of this kind will not only damage existing wells but the quality of water in the Blue River which flows into the Colorado and is used by numerous ranches down valley which depend on the Blue for their fields as well as cattle. The Colorado River District has been working to protect Western Colorado water. This is a direct attack against their efforts.
4. The amount of noise and dust pollution that will be created in the Lower Blue River Valley.
5. Increased traffic from Peak Ranch Resource to Peak's processing plant (they're saying a minimum 230 trucks daily) on an already busy one lane highway that is used for travel to and from Routt and Grand Counties as well as Summit. Another added source of pollution, noise, traffic congestion and accidents.
6. Reclamation is for future which is claimed to be a park but no indication as to who will be responsible for this area. They are presenting it as a future park for public use but it's private land.
7. Zoning is presently not for commercial use, thus setting a precedence to be used by future developers.
8. Wildlife safety and migration including the Blue River fishery.
9. What about their other permits in Summit and Grand County.

Please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting. I trust you will take all this into consideration and in your decision making when reviewing the Peak Materials application.

Sincerely,

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