September 28, 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 express opposition to the proposed gravel mine in the middle of a rural agrarian valley. We live within one mile of the proposed mine. Yesterday we watched a herd of over 100 elk that also share this valley. The proposed mine is contrary to all existing uses of this valley. Besides the wildlife safety and migration, our primary concern is the water well quantity and quality. The proposed mine cannot guarantee it will not affect our water wells. Therefore, the application should be denied based on the potential harm to numerous residential water wells in the immediate area.

We have lived here for over 25 years and have never had trouble with our water well. Please do not allow this potential water siphon to happen.

This mine is not in keeping with the valley's historic use. Please deny this permit!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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