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## Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

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

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 about traffic safety on Hwy 9 and the hazards that 230 truck trips per day will create between Peak Ranch Resource and Peak's processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne. My husband and I commute 30 miles along this road to work, volunteer, spend time with our families and to take our daughter to elementary school in Silverthorne. This highway is already dangerous enough with the weather conditions, wildlife, increased traffic, and reckless drivers.

The traffic on Hwy 9 has greatly increased in the 6 years we have lived in Spring Creek. Peak Materials is using outdated traffic studies, and not taking into account the growth of commuters on Hwy 9 in the last 5+ years. A majority of Summit County's workforce has been pushed out to rural areas, and neighboring counties due to the current housing bubble. Additionally, 230 truck trips a day will be detrimental to our commute, and will directly affect the workforce of Summit County, where businesses are already struggling to find employees. Between the proposed mining site, and the processing plant there is only 1 passing zone of which occurs in a neighborhood. This stretch of road does not have acceleration or deceleration lanes, and is already a dangerous place for these residents to enter and exit the highway. Moreover, I cannot imagine how dangerous it will be when reckless road ragers try to pass these aggregate hauling trucks while residents attempt to safely access their neighborhood. Additionally, there are several pull offs for camping, fishing, and boating where slow moving vehicles enter and exit the road. I do not feel it will be safe to have these heavy trucks unable to stop quickly when they come around blind corners and encounter slow moving vehicles.

It is my belief that if Peak Materials wishes to employ 230 trucks daily and utilize highway 9 for their monetary benefit then it is their responsibility to respect, protect and improve the highway, its established commuters and residents. Peak Materials needs to use an updated traffic study- one that is from the last 2 years, and does not include the time period of the 2020 shut down. They are not being realistic about how much traffic this stretch of road currently sees, nor the adverse effect of the addition of 230 truck trips daily. Peak Materials needs to be financially responsible for making safety improvements. This includes adding acceleration and deceleration lanes at Sierra Bosque neighborhood, and pull offs at the major National Forest access points along the highway. I also believe it is their moral responsibility to widen the Road to allow a safe passing zone at some point between their two destinations. It is incredibly unsafe for entire lines of traffic to try to pull out into oncoming traffic to get around these numerous slow moving trucks.

Aggressive drivers already pass on blind corners and double yellow lines. This safety issue will only be aggravated by the additional traffic Peak Materials will generate, and they need to be held accountable for the safety of the community in which they will impact. Unfortunately, it is my fear that the commute will be too great a danger, and add an impractical amount of time to my commute forcing me out of the community in which I wish to subside.

Being native to Summit County I am still making positive impacts in my community through my involvement in the work and school communities and giving countless hours to volunteer organizations. I have a stake in this community and do not want to be sequestered by a ventrurousome mining company jeopardizing the corridor connecting my home to my community. In addition to the safety hazards created from 230 truck trips per day to and from Peak Ranch Resource and Peak's processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne I am also aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

1. Wildlife safety and migration (including the Blue River fishery),
2. The Blue River waterway
3. Air quality in the Lower Blue River Valley

I wish to be notified of the public hearing of the Colorado Mined 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, location and format for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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