

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

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Colorado Devision of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St. Denver, CO 80203

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to seek NON-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 proposal for the following reasons:

I believe a gravel mine in the Lower Blue River Valley will adversely impact:

- 1. Residents' well water quantity and/ or quality
- 2. Wildlife including the Blue River fishery.
- 3. That Peak's reclamation plan is inadequate

Even though DRMS is not required to address highway safety, 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek for processing creates a safety hazard for humans and wildlife. Also creates potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, bikers to get run over by travel trucks, and gravel trucks to collide with cars entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

It is also a very bad idea to put a gravel mine in the middle of a rural agrarian Valley with:

1. Federal Wilderness on both sides.

2. 1000's of acres of County protected open space.

3. 1000's of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements.

4. An ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status.

5. Wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek.

6. No exist industrial activity.

7. Inherent protection from Summit Count's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the Valley, and their sustainability.

A very dear friend of mine lives in this area and I am concerned about the negative impact this proposed mine will have upon her quality of life.

I wish MY OPINION to be heard at the public heard 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, and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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