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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety <u>1313 Sherman St.</u> <u>Denver, CO 80203</u> 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 by this proposed project for the following reasons:

- Impacted wells: Living directly across the highway from the proposed mine is a 30+ family neighborhood. We are all on 20-60 acre properties (as zoning permits) and are all on individual wells.
- Being directly across the highway, our wells' water will be most certainly impacted. All of us have dug wells and
 obtained water at different depths, different flows, and different quality. Our well (and most others up here) are in
 shale and therefore we are greatly concerned that a gravel pit will either empty our wells or adversely affect the
 quality/quantity of our wells.
- Other impacts, besides our water quantity/ quality that will greatly impact us, are the impact of increased traffic on an already extremely busy highway, Highway 9. This is the only way for people to get to /from Summit County to the northern communities and towns. This highway is dangerous enough now (with people passing on double yellows, wildlife crossing, speeding...) without adding 220+ trucks A DAY! traveling to and from this proposed site to Maryland Creek (Peak's processing plant) approximately 7 miles away.
- Also there is the noise pollution, river impact, and wildlife to be considered. The fact that this commercial operation
 goes against the Summit County approved Master plan for Lower Blue Valley is unacceptable and should be
 denied. I beg you, please, please do NOT grant Peak Ranch Resource permit to MINE THIS PROPERTY. We
 need our water, we need Highway 9 to be safe and viable for people to travel, and we need to maintain the
 integrity of the Lower Blue Valley

I wish to be heard at the public hearing (via remotely) 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.

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Number of people in your household: 4-13 (when kids come up)

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