

opposition to Peak's application for gravel pit

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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,

We are 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.

We are opposed to the Peak Materials' application for a gravel pit in the Lower Blue River area north of Silverthorne for the following reasons. Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan has already deemed any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the Lower Blue Valley.

This operation is completely inappropriate in the part of Summit County which has Federal Wilderness on both sides, 1,000 acres of County land as protected open space, and 1,000 acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements. The Blue River is an ex-Gold Medal trout river reseeking that status. Wildlife and people will be adversely affected 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.

We wish to be heard at the public hearing of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board when the Board takes up this application. Please add us to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting.

Sincerely, Mary Anne C. Johnston, PhD, and Richard B. Johnston, Jr., MD 212 Spruce Ridge Rd., Silverthorne, CO 80498 PO Box 1007, Silverthorne, CO 80498 970-468-8922 majohnstoncolo@gmail.com richard.johnston@ucdenver.edu number of people in household - 2