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## Please Stop the Peak Materials Gravel Pit

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To whom it may concern,

I will try to keep this short and to the point, but I am very upset about the proposed gravel mine on Highway 9 North of Silverthorne. I live on the hill just above the proposed site. I spent my whole life working hard to purchase my dream acreage in 2007. I had a connection with the land and neighbors before I ever purchased it. I spent 2 years removing sage brush by hand and tractor by myself before I built my ranch. I was there every day helping pour concrete, frame, build, doing everything I could to help with the construction. Blood, sweat, and tears doesn't even describe it, this is the place I want to be for the rest of my life. This place I chose because of the location, away from it all, peace, quiet, serenity. All the money in the world cannot replace those things. These are things I need in my life when I come home from the busy hustle of work every day. This valley is a valley for agriculture, and natural beauty. I go home to enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with my family and animals. This valley is no place for a noisy gravel mine. I know they are talking about a berm to alleviate noise. That doesn't work for anyone who is uphill from them. This mine is also claiming that they 'won't hurt our wells'. I don't know what gives them the right to claim something so outrageous. They have no idea what they 'might' do to our wells. Our neighborhood does not have a water table. It is based on very random pockets of water in the shale. I spent over \$65,000 digging 3 wells to find water on my property. The first one was over 600' and yielded 55 gallons per DAY. We tried to use it for a year, and ended up hauling water from town to fill our 300 gallon tank in our basement in the middle of winter. This is no way to live. We use more water than that every week in my household. What are they going to do if they do dry up my well? Say sorry? It's not like I can just 'dig another one'. There is no where else to dig. When I ran out of water, I called Sabrina Roper, who use to own Delta Sub 1 water well and pumps, and was 85 years old. I begged her to come out and help me find water. She is the one who witched all of the good wells in our neighborhood, and I don't believe she is around any longer. She was my last hope. I had paid another company to do soundings on the ground when I dug my second well, and they were unsuccessful at finding water either. I believe when Peak digs this tailings pond, the water will siphon down, and we will be left high and dry. I believe their theory about keeping it wet isn't going to apply to random pockets of shale that are higher than the pond. They are looking at it as if we have a solid water table. We do not.

I would like to be present at any hearing you are having regarding this.

Thank you for your consideration,

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