



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

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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 Application by Peak Ranch Resource by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource which is located quite close to my residential house.

I am specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

1. I am concerned about **my water well quantity and quality for my residential home which is located not far from this potential gravel mining site**. It has been reported that water wells in the Peak Materials Maryland Creek area in Silverthorne, Colorado, where currently the gravel is being processed, have already been negatively impacted related to water quality, quantity and viability.
2. **Highway 9 safety** in Silverthorne, Colorado with an estimated 230 one-way gravel trucks a day for 8 months a year going back and forth for 10 miles to the Maryland Creek processing location.
3. There is a **wildlife** migration corridor there, where elk, deer and other wildlife access the Blue River and habitat. Gravel trucks and mining will disrupt and negatively impact the wildlife.
4. Negative impact on the **Blue River fishery and the Gold Metal Trout Blue River**.
5. The Peak Materials **reclamation plan is not sufficient**.
6. **Hazards** for humans, wildlife, bikers, and cars with all the gravel trucks going up and down the road with potential **collisions**.
7. Highway 9 **traffic** is already significant since it is the main road for people going from Denver to Steamboat Springs. This will **increase traffic** as well as frustrate travelers who already speeding excessively on this highway.
8. This is a **rural, agricultural valley** with Federal Wilderness lands on both sides of proposed gravel mine property and with 1000 of acres of Protected County open space, and 1000 of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements. A gravel pit is **not congruent with this environment**.
9. The **Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan mission** is to protect and sustain the rural and agricultural nature the lower Blue River area and an industry like a gravel pit is incongruent with the plan. There is not other industrial activity in the lower Blue River Basin.
10. **Ultimately, my quality of life, property value, water well quality/quantity, noise level and air quality (dirt, dust and diesel fumes from gravel trucks) will be significantly negatively impacted**. This is simply not fair and equitable for a "gravel pit" in a rural, agricultural, beautiful area.

I wish to be heard at 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, and location of this meeting.

Sincerely,

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