

October 6, 2020

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,

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 greatly disturbed about this proposed project for the following reasons:

I drive this route several times a week and volunteer at a horse rescue ranch in the area. It is an incredibly beautiful range with 1000s of acres of County protected open space that depicts the best in Western beauty and is outlined by a magnificent mountain range that would be irreparably scarred if mining operations are allowed – just as the existing site is a blight in the Maryland Creek area. It would be located on a major thoroughfare that already experiences heavy traffic on its two lanes during several hours of the day, and especially during the summer tourist season. Furthermore, there is federal wilderness on both sides that

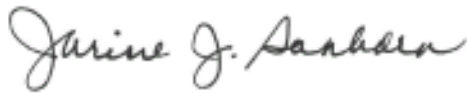
- Has 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements,
- Features a former Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status,
- Has wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek,
- Has no existing industrial activity,
- Features an Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

The proposed operation will adversely affect wildlife (including the Blue River fishery) and the Peak's reclamation plan is inadequate . Even though DRMS is not required to address highway safety, that 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, potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, bikers to get run over by gravel trucks, and gravel trucks to collide with cars entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

Do not destroy this beautiful gem of nature. Mining operations should not be located in such an 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 for this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jarris J. Sanborn".

Jarris Sanborn

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