



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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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 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:

- 1) Peak's plan lacks protection for 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.
- 2) Peak's plan fails to provide Fishery preservation.
- 3) Peak's overall plan is inadequate as is their reclamation plan.
- 4) Additional traffic that Hwy 9 is not able to accommodate: Even though DRMS is not required to address highway safety, 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.
- 5) Peak's plan puts the desires of Peak Ranch Resource before the interests of both visitors and residents of the Lower Blue River valley.
- 6) Peak's plan lacks sufficient protection for Federal wilderness on both sides of the river.
- 7) Peak's plan lacks sufficient protection for 1000s of acres of County protected open space
- 8) Peak's plan lacks sufficient protection for 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements
- 9) Peak's plan lacks sufficient protection for an ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status
- 10) No 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.

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,

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