

Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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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,

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.

As the former director of Continental Divide Land Trust, I am particularly aggrieved by the intrusion of industrial uses in an area of Summit County where there are thousands of acres of land protected with conservation easements to provide the exact kind of conservation benefit that the Peak Ranch Resource application is seeking to destroy.

A gravel mine in the midst of wildlife habitat, high quality waters, conserved lands, federally designated wilderness, and stunning scenic beauty is an affront to the Colorado way of life and makes no sense economically.

It is especially grievous when there are hundreds of acres of gravel piles left from dredge boat mining in the Swan River and French Creek valleys available for gravel extraction and in need of restoration afterwards.

Let's point our attention to the places where it makes sense to extract gravel, not in the Lower Blue Valley where it is totally inappropriate.

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,

Leigh Girvin

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