



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 write on behalf of Bicycle Colorado 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.

We seek to represent the needs and safety of bicyclists in testimony, who will greatly impacted by this proposed project. Colorado bicyclists flock to our mountain roads year after year seeking to experience the scenic beauty we have to offer. Moreso, bicyclists from outside of Colorado travel here for those very same reasons, bringing valuable tourism dollars to our state each year. They do so knowing that they have safe places to ride, including Highway 9 and Ute Pass Road in the Lower Blue River Valley.

Peak Materials' application would result in up to 230 large truck trips a day along the highway as mined aggregate is transported approximately nine miles south to the processing plant. Even if the plant operated 12 hours a day, that would be a truck about every three minutes -- ten or more trucks passing the average road rider each way. Such trucks could significantly endanger bicyclists riding these roads by creating regular "wind blasts" for bicyclists, adding to debris hazards along the road, creating dangrous and distracting noise and posing other direct safety hazards.

We 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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