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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:

The impact the gravel pit will have on water well quality, wildlife safety and migration (including the Blue River fishery), the Blue River waterway, air quality in the Lower Blue River Valley, and safety hazards and excessive traffic created from 230 truck trips per day to and from Peak Ranch Resource and Peak's processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne.

I am opposed to the development of a gravel mine in the middle of a rural agrarian valley which is filled with Federal Wilderness areas on both sides of the Highway 9 corridor, thousands of acres of County protected Open Space, thousands of acres of ranch land forever protected from development by conservation easements, the Blue River, once a Gold Medal trout stream looking to restore that status, wildlife that will be adversely impacted by noise and air pollution created by 230 truck trips per day to and from the Peak Ranch Resource and the Peak processing plant, and pristine natural beauty with no existing industrial activity.

Residents will be adversely impacted by significantly increased noise and air pollution. Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural and economic values and sustainability of the Blue River Valley, which is forever protected from development by conservation easements.

Many, if not most residents North of Silverthorne work in Summit County and use Highway 9 to commute to work. Increased traffic has already begun to impact travel to and from work, and this amount of increased slow truck traffic will essentially make the commute untenable.

Sincerely,  
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