



Seek Party Status RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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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:

As a current resident of Dillon, and a future resident of the lower Blue River, I would like to voice my opposition to the operation of the proposed gravel mine by Peak Materials at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource. All of the reasons listed below apply to my reason for opposition. In addition to my concern for the impact on wildlife, I am extremely concerned for the potential damage to the water supply of residents in the area (and downstream water supply) as the aquafer has the potential for being contaminated and/or completely drained or depleted.

Here is a complete list of concerns (in no particular order).

1. Water well quantity and/or quality
2. Wildlife safety and migration (including the Blue River fishery),
3. The Blue River waterway
4. Air quality in the Lower Blue River Valley
5. Safety hazards created from 230 truck trips per day to and from Peak Ranch Resource and Peak's processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne
6. Federal Wilderness areas on both sides of the Highway 9 corridor

7. Thousands of acres of County protected Open Space
8. Thousands of acres of ranch land forever protected from development by conservation easements
9. The Blue River, once a Gold Medal trout stream looking to restore that status
10. Wildlife that will be adversely impacted by from noise and air pollution created by 230 truck trips per day to and from the Peak Ranch Resource and the Peak processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne
11. Residents who will be adversely impacted by from noise and air pollution created by 230 truck trips per day to and from the Peak Ranch Resource and the Peak processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne
12. Pristine natural beauty and no existing industrial activity
13. The protections from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan, which deems any industrial activity is antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values and sustainability of the Blue River Valley and forever protected from development by conservation easements

I have always considered this stretch of Highway 9 north of Silverthorne as one of the most scenic and appreciated areas of Colorado. I hope that we are able to preserve this 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, location and format for this meeting.

Best Regards,

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