



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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

Greetings!

I am writing to provide input as an Aggrieved Party to 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. CO highway 9 has seen increasing traffic the last few years. The estimated 230 truck trips per day to and from Peak Ranch Resource and Peak's processing plant (about 7 miles) will create a traffic mess and possibly a safety issue on Highway 9. They will have to pass a popular Forest Service campground and access roads to subdivisions and homes. The road already has deterioration problems, which CDOT fixes a little at a time. Truck traffic will deteriorate the road even faster than the current traffic and truck rate.
2. I and many others ride our bikes on the wide shoulder of CO Highway 9 for exercise. The amount of truck traffic will pose safety issues for recreationists. Anglers park in designated places off of Highway 9 to fish in the Blue River. I also drive Highway 9 to and from trailheads in the area. I live in the Willowbrook neighborhood of Silverthorne. Additional truck traffic will totally mess up Highway 9, the traffic flow, and the road itself.
3. Summit County and its citizens, especially those living in the area from Silverthorne and north along Highway 9, have worked extremely hard for many years to sustain the ranching community and ruralness of the Lower Blue. Thousands of acres of ranchland are protected from development by conservation easements. Summit County has spent many dollars protecting Open Space in the area. The proposed Peak Ranch Resource, a gravel mine, will degrade all preservation efforts.
4. Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan deems any industrial activity as being antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the Blue River Valley. Citizens worked many years on this Master Plan. The Peak Ranch Resource will undermine the Master Plan and be contrary to it. The Master Plan must be adhered to.
5. The Blue River may be adversely impacted by the Peak Ranch Resource and any runoff from the operation along with dust produced by the operation. Citizens are working to restore Gold Medal Trout Stream status to the Blue River. Wildlife may be severely impacted both by the gravel mining operation itself and the increased truck traffic. Loaded trucks do not stop easily.
6. People living near the proposed Peak Ranch Resource are extremely concerned about potential loss of water and/or pollution of water in their wells from the proposed project. These people are my county neighbors and I am concerned for them.
7. Noise and air pollution will result from the 230 truck trips per day to and from the gravel pit and the processing plant. We don't need any additional pollution in the Lower Blue Valley!
8. I feel that the people of the Lower Blue Valley, who have worked hard to create conservation easements, open space, and maintain the rural, natural, and ranching economics of the Lower Blue River Valley should have a higher voice in continuing the sustainability of the current Lower Blue River Valley than one company who will profit by degrading what so many people have worked hard for and love.

Please deny Peak Material's application for a state permit for the Peak Ranch Resource. Please help the residents of the Lower Blue River Valley and Summit County continue to preserve and sustain the rural and natural values of this area

that we worked so hard to maintain.

Sincerely,

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I am the only person in my household