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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.

I am specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed mining operation is within an area zoned for agriculture, not industry.
- 2) The historic Slate Creek Ranch and Mount Powell ranch which have conservation status are downriver from the mining site and their water quality and quantity are extremely likely to be detrimentally affected by this operation.
- 3) The Lower Blue River is a pristine wildlife and wetland corridor which will be adversely affected by the operation due to noise, increased traffic, dust and pollution.
- 4) Highway 9 to the mining site is already heavily trafficked with campers, bicyclists, semitrailers, cars, trucks and commuters and putting more than 230 trucks daily one way on this road will result in dangerous travel conditions.
- 5) The area for the proposed mine is a wildlife corridor with elk, moose, bear, mountain lion, deer and many other species using the adjacent river area for hydration and migration and also crossing the road to get to water which puts them at greater risk for vehicle/animal collisions.
- 6) The lower Blue River is trying to reestablish itself as a Gold Medal trout river and the mining operation will be detrimental to the health of the river.
- 7) The visual impact of the mining operation will be ugly in an area of extreme natural beauty.

Sincerely,

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