



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

October 8, 2020

Ben Langenfeld
Greg Lewicki and Associates
3375 W. Powers Circle
Littleton, CO 80123

**Re: Kilgore Companies, Inc.; Peak Ranch Resource; M2020-041;
Notice of Objections to Construction Materials Regular (112) Amendment Application**

Mr. Langenfeld,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received timely objections to the Peak Ranch Resource application, File M2020-041. The objections were received within the public comment period which began on August 28, 2020 and ends October 8, 2020.

Timely objections received:

Date(s) of Objection	First Name	Last Name	Topic – see attached letter for specific issues presented.
10/06/20	Henry	Barr	GW, traffic
10/06/20	Norma and Tom	Watkins	traffic, wildlife, SW, GW
10/06/20	Piep	van Heuven	traffic
10/06/20	Kim and Eric	Kircher	list
10/06/20	Peggy	Kappy	traffic, air quality
10/06/20	Dennis & Glocile	Francis	list
10/06/20	Peter	Gallup	fishery, SW, traffic
10/06/20	Kevin	Rose	traffic, GW
10/06/20	Ted and Barbara	Smith	list
10/06/20	Cacey and Steve	Martin	traffic, wildlife, SW
10/06/20	Lawrence and Lisa	Woods	list
10/07/20	Sylvia	Koneman	list
10/07/20	Jessica	Smith	list
10/07/20	Helen	Barker	list
10/07/20	Frank	Casapulla	list
10/07/20	Justin	Armstrong	list
10/07/20	Erik	Vermulen	list



10/07/20	Melissa	Heiter	noise, traffic, fishery
10/07/20	Barbara	Dolhansky	list
10/07/20	Jane	Bruce	list
10/07/20	Dale	Montagne	list
10/07/20	Peter	Gardener	list
10/07/20	Jeannette	Thompson	GW, prop values
10/07/20	Kenwyn	Terrill	land use, traffic
10/07/20	Rebecca	Richardson	list
10/07/20	Flip	Brumm	list
10/07/20	Bradley	Heinrich	list
10/07/20	Martin and Andrea	Herre	list
10/07/20	Samuel and Cynthia	Maine	traffic, noise, GW
10/07/20	Ryan	Janaes	traffic, lights, SW, GW
10/07/20*	Robert	Hooke/EPMR	list
10/07/20	Bruce	Buehner	traffic, land use, GW
10/07/20	Jason	McCanless	list
10/07/20	Maryann	Gaug	list
10/07/20	Gary	Royal	GW, SW traffic, wildlife
10/07/20	Nancy	Lohrenz	list

Copies of the written objections are enclosed for your records pursuant to Rule 1.7.1(3). These objections can also be viewed at: <https://dnrweblink.state.co.us/drms/search.aspx?dbid=0>

If you have any questions, please contact me at eric.scott@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Eric Scott

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Michael Cunningham; DRMS

Date) 10/6/2020

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 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:

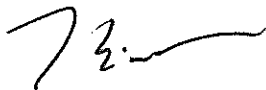
Possibility of damage to our wells. Our wells in this neighborhood are minimal at best and this type of mining operation will possibly further degrade our existing wells.

Increased truck traffic on highway 9. An increase of 225 truck trips a day is unacceptable. That stretch of highway 9 is dangerous enough without adding this type of increase in traffic.

Commercial operation in a low density residential zoning. The property is not zoned for this type of use and is contrary to the County Master Plan.

I wish to be heard at the public hearing, via Zoom, 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,



Henry E. Barr
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Number of people in your household 4



Opposition to Lower Blue gravel mining

1 message

Norma Watkins <normajejanwatkins@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 2:47 PM

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

To who it may concern:

We have owned a second home in Sierra Bosque for 30 years, and in this day of environmental concerns, we are very concerned about Peak Materials proposal to begin gravel mining in the lower Blue.

The traffic has increased significantly on highway 9 in the last 30 years. However, we understand that due to growth in tourism and a thriving economy, this is expected. However, why would it even be considered to put a much heavier burden on this highway with 230 one-way gravel trips a day! It is already often a safety hazard when we try to enter or exit our subdivision, and apparently there is no room for a turn lane because of the Blue River. Safety is a big concern.

We enjoy the wildlife in our area, and this would surely also be affected with more deaths to wildlife. The Blue River is also a very popular fishing site and we also have concerns about the effect on the water quality. The River also brings a lot of fisherman and traffic the enjoy the beautiful Blue River's fishing.

We are on well water and that is also a concern regarding the quality and quantity of the water.

Highway 9 is a popular roadway for bicyclers. It already is dangerous and the truck traffic would further endanger the bicycle riders. It isn't worth one life to further endanger recreational riders. In our stressful lives, we need places to exercise and escape the demands of jobs and the cities.

I understand the need for building products as Summit County is booming! Growth is inevitable, but as a government agency, your responsibility is not just to satisfy the needs of big business, but to balance it with general population needs, including safety, environment, The noise pollution would change dramatically as most people live above the highway, and noise travels up. There has already been a dramatic change in traffic noise in the last 10 years, and adding truck traffic would be unconscionable. I'm sure that more research can be done to come up with an alternative plan.

This country along highway 9 is beautiful and serene and they think it will be back to normal in 15 years. It will never be the same and soon it will feel like an industrial city in the country.

We are now living in Texas and are unable to attend the public hearing, but are just as concerned as those who are able to attend, so please count me as a "no" vote for the project. Let's slow down and take our time coming up with a better plan.

Please add me to your email distribution list to notify me of updates of this case.

Thank you,

Norma and Tom Watkins
47 Crescent Road
Silverthorne, CO 80498

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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,

Piep van Heuven

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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)

Dear Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety,

We have lived and worked in this county for over 40 years. We have seen many changes to this county over that time, both good and bad. Some progress and change are expected, necessary, and understandable. Others may not have considered all the ramifications of their development and have chosen to go forward regardless of the potential negative aspects to the environment, community, and inhabitants. Twenty-five years ago, we settled north of Silverthorne in a rural agricultural/residential area known as the Lower Blue, referencing the Blue River which flows through this area. It is a beautiful, exurban natural area with ranches, federal wilderness areas on both sides of road, an elk refuge area, many areas of protected open space nearby, gorgeous views, and ample wildlife. It was also protected by the Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan to remain this pristine environment. This plan not only expressed the intent of this community and area, but should provide us continued protection for this area towards those values. Not only did we feel that this location was far enough from town to avoid development, but it also was in a community that believed in leaving surroundings natural and agricultural. Many of the historical ranches have protected this vision with conservation easements. It is with great urgency that we write you to express our extreme displeasure with the proposed Kilgore Companies LLC owned Peak Materials gravel pit aka Peak Ranch Resource and implore you to stop this project before it destroys this wonderful, natural area. This proposed property is in direct view of my home on the other side of the road. It was previously a quiet, peacefully existing horse ranch with horses running throughout the property, which is a stark difference from the proposed gravel pit in all aspects, which I will delineate further.

First, this is not an industrial area, it is a rural agricultural/residential zoned area. These residents, including ourselves, would not have knowingly moved into an industrial zone or an area that could become industrial. These residents are here because it is away from town, congestion, noise, industrial projects, and has been established as an area to remain this way. Furthermore, the noise from the loud trucks, equipment, increased traffic, and backup alarms would be heard from early morning until dark. Noise travels, especially in the wind, which not only effects those within relatively close proximity, but also those that are across the road to many residences, including our own.

Additionally, we are concerned about the disproportionate, excessive use of water with a gravel pit operation. This could potentially drain or put a strain on the limited underground water resource, which will affect all residents, all of whom are on personal wells and some of which already have water storage tanks for the insufficient supply of water. In addition to the abuse of a limited water resource, we have tremendous concern for the potential of polluting of the adjacent Blue River, a valuable fishery and water source for agricultural and consumptive use downstream.

The Blue River is a well-known fishery and pristine river which flows next to the proposed gravel pit location. This river is a valuable fishery for recreation for both residents and visitors, bringing in necessary operating funds for the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is currently working to restore its

Gold Medal status, ensuring its importance, desirability, and indispensability for the future. Disturbing this crucial and delicate fishery would be tragic. Not only do we have concerns for the recreational and monetary value of this necessary resource, but it is an essential water resource for people and agriculture downstream. Our valid concern is that there will be pollutants and sediment leaked into the river, posing a very real problem for drinking water down stream, as well as for fish habitat. There is a governmental EPA record of one of Kilgore's companies polluting a stream near their property before (1), not for just one accidental occurrence, but on at least 59 separate occasions over several years! As the Blue River runs alongside the proposed industrial site and since they will be digging down toward the likely shallow water table, it is a real possibility that this could occur here. This would not only be a travesty, but totally unacceptable! No matter what the excuse is for the past pollution offenses, we cannot take the chance of this happening here! Our resources and people should be our first priority, not the individual desires and profits of one company. There definitely would be sediment as well as many other potentially harmful pollutants that could be produced by this project and released, even unwittingly, either via underground waterways or surface runoff into the river. We can prevent this!

Moreover, air pollution, wind-blown dust, diesel fumes, and potentially detrimental particles are also additional major concerns. These would be harmful to all residents and wildlife near this site, especially to those with weakened immune systems or pre-existing respiratory or sinus issues. The pollutants and dust emitted from the gravel yard, trucks and equipment, even if within established limits, could cause long-lasting health issues or exacerbate existing ones. Not only do I have concerns about water and air pollution, but I am also concerned about the potential long-term negative effects on wildlife.

We enjoy a wonderful co-existence with wildlife, with daily sightings of wildlife. I am certain this will not be the case, with the noise and activity of the gravel pit. I expect they will not only avoid that particular property, but potentially a much larger buffer zone. This could permanently alter the wildlife habitats and migration routes, not to mention our personal enjoyment of their presence, another reason as to why people live and visit here. Furthermore, the additional possible 230 truck trips per day on the road to and from the proposed property and their gravel processing plant near Silverthorne, will most certainly have many detrimental effects.

Not only will the increased noise and pollution to residents be incredible, the traffic will be slowed considerably and congested constantly. The continual increased dirt and debris on roads, as well as progressive damage to the roads from the constant heavy truck use will be immeasurable and not reimbursed by Peak Materials, but repaired at the expense of residents' taxes like mine. Taxes will most certainly increase due to the increased need for maintenance and repairs. Furthermore, they currently are parking several trucks daily just outside Silverthorne along the highway, awaiting their turn to enter the Peak Materials Silverthorne site. Where will they park all of the additional trucks, with no large pull-offs near the northern proposed site, and limited shoulder space? Plus, I'm fairly certain this wasn't the intended purpose for the pull-offs along Highway 9. This is not a remote country road with limited traffic. This is a heavily travelled two lane essential highway, which is used by daily commuters, residents, interstate commerce, and visitors. This newly increased traffic, and slower trucks, would exacerbate impatient drivers, which then pass into on-coming traffic, likely increasing accidents with ensuing injuries and deaths on this highway. We have already seen this occurring as a consequence of current Peak Materials trucks on Highway 9. This increased slower truck traffic would seriously impact travel and safety on this highway, with potentially unacceptable consequences. With more trucks and traffic issues, this almost guarantees more wildlife and vehicle collisions, multiplying the already sad figures of animals losing their lives in their attempts to cross the highway on their normal habitual migration routes. It may eventually close off certain migration routes along this corridor, permanently affecting the wildlife that live here. The noise, diesel produced by the louder truck traffic, and dust produced from the pit also inhibits our ability to sit outside or even open windows to catch a breeze or

enjoy the natural environment and wildlife. The livability and marketability of our home would definitely change.

This project not only affects nearby homes, but the perception and desirability of the entire area. It will highly affect our real estate re-sale values and marketability. This would no longer be the rural, pristine paradise that potential buyers would want to live in, and as our home is within direct view, and definitely close enough to be affected by the air, noise and water issues of this proposed project, the value and marketability of our property would be dramatically decreased.

In summary, we implore you to consider all the ramifications and negative aspects of this proposed project, which would seriously affect the resources, residents, visitors, wildlife, and anyone travelling on Highway 9. These are not merely annoying issues potentially produced by this project, but historically validated, realistic concerns for sustainability, potential polluting, and overuse of a crucial, fundamental resource, as well as creating the potential for harmful and life-threatening issues. This is currently one of the few remaining undisturbed areas in Colorado, in fact, one of the places residents and visitors have come to enjoy for its natural beauty and wildlife. It would be a great travesty to do anything that would negatively impact such a resource. As far as the proposed reclamation park for after many years of gravel pit use, we already have a pristine area for enjoyment, and the damage and impacts caused, and possibly lives lost, by the gravel pit and truck traffic, on our wildlife, residents, and environment cannot be reversed. Please consider all these valid, and historically proven, issues and detrimental effects of the proposed gravel pit, and then consider that this is and was a rural agricultural, natural area, that was established as such by use and documented plan. This is not the intent nor the desire of the residents of this area or neighboring water recipients downstream. Please retain this pristine, natural environment for future generations to come and protect our rural environment from unwanted industrial interests. We sincerely appreciate all that you can do to save it.

Sincerely,

Kim Gillespie-Kircher and Eric Kircher
Residents and concerned citizens of the Lower Blue
Mailing address: P.O. Box 3565, Dillon, CO 80435

1. <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/violation-tracker/-kilgore-companies-llc>
<https://echo.epa.gov/enforcement-case-report?id=08-2016-0004>

A summary of the above stated pollution case follows.



File # M2020041

1 message

peggy kappy <peggykappy1006@msn.com>
To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>
Cc: peggy kappy <peggykappy1006@msn.com>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 3:41 PM

Date: October 6, 2020
To: Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
Denver, Colorado. 80203
Re: application by Peak Ranch Resource
File # M2020041

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 Resource. I am specifically concerned about this proposed project for these reasons:

-40 Sage Creek Canyon homeowners and TYL Ranch residents and service providers have SINGLE lane bridge access from highway 9 over the Blue River. HUGE safety issue unless there is a stop light at the intersection.

-Who can request the highway patrol or Silverthorne police to use radar to assess and ticket those who violate speed limits which vary at least 5 times in the mile long section between Smith Ranch Road and Sage Creek Canyon (30 mph school zone, 40 mph, 45 mph, 50 mph, and 55 mph). Signage includes school zone, flashing light, fines doubled warnings, curve in the road, Adopt-a-highway, double lane merging into single lane, and single lane bridge messages? Signage is confusing or meaningless to the speeding driver and is a potential nightmare as Silverthorne GROWS!

-has CDOT estimated the cost of repairs to our fragile Highway 9? Who pays?

-where are the environmental impact statements? Mining operations and fragile environments don't mix. With increasing poor air quality, how will mining dust further diminish our health and the impact on those who hike and bike in our community....what about those with underlying health condition, unborn babies etc. We are in the midst of CO-VID!

I would like 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 me of the date, time, and location of meeting.

Sincerely,
Peggy Kappy
Peggy Markson Kappy
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Silverthorne, Colorado. 80498
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Household shared with my husband:
Dr. Michael Kappy

Sent from my iPhone



Fwd: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (file number M2020041)

1 message

Dennis & Glocile Francis <dennis-glocile@msn.com>
To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:32 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dennis & Glocile Francis <dennis-glocile@msn.com>
Date: October 6, 2020 at 1:49:54 PM CDT
To: "drms@state.co.us" <drms@state.co.us>
Subject: Re: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (file number M2020041)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2020, at 1:39 PM, Dennis & Glocile Francis <dennis-glocile@msn.com> wrote:

10/6/2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety

1313 Sherman St

Denver, Co 80203

To whom it may concern:

This letter is intended to go on record as our objecting to and protesting to the Peak Ranch Resource petition (file number M2020041). We purchased a beautiful, mountain residence about 10 years ago in Acorn Creek Ranch Estates. A primary motivation for us was to have a high mountain residence in a pristine area of mountains, timber open lands, and streams.

This area has Federal wilderness areas on both sides of the Highway 9 corridor; thousands of acres of ranch land forever protected from development by conservation easements; and the Blue River that is a primary, pristine waterway flowing through the valley. In essence, this area is

currently is the epitome of a pristine, Colorado high mountain environment.

We are saddened and upset at the prospect of a dirty, unsightly gravel pit in this valley, along Highway 9, that will be grossly, inconsistent with the pristine nature of this area. The prospect of having between 200 and 250 huge gravel truck trips per day, to and from this facility, to the Peak processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne, is very concerning . This stretch of highway is already considered to be one of the more dangerous main arteries in the high country, and this huge increase in slow moving, heavy truck traffic will only exacerbate the problem. Besides being extremely dangerous to vehicular traffic, the wildlife in this area will be adversely impacted from all the noise and air pollution created by this activity. This project is a huge departure from the protections from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan that deems any industrial activity counter to this natural, rural area and the economic values currently inherent in this district.

Please consider this plea to maintain this currently pristine environment and not have it destroyed by this project that is being proposed for the Lower Blue Valley.

Yours very truly Dennis & Glocile Francis

1996 Rodeo Dr.

Acorn Creek Ranch Estates, Silverthorne, CO 80498

I inadvertently forgot to include my cell telephone number which is 515-490-5602 and my winter mailing address which is [3709 Brookview Dr., West Des Moines, IA 50265](#)

Sent from my iPhone



Please Do Not Allow This Gravel Pit!

1 message

Peter Gallup <pgallup@summitcove.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 4:57 PM

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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:

This will be a huge detriment to our valley and our water! This will hurt our fishing as well by ruining the quality of the water. We will no longer be able to reclaim gold metal waters.

Also, Even though DRMS is not required to address highway safety, that 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek for processing, creates a safety hazard for humans and wildlife, potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, bikers to get run over by gravel trucks, and gravel trucks to collide with cars entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Peter Gallup

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Silverthorne, CO 80498
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Number of people in your household 4



Peter Gallup

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Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041) Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS)

1 message

KEVIN ROSE <kskmrose@comcast.net>

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM

To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

October 6, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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Denver, CO 80203

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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:

Increased noise, traffic, speeding trucks, spraying rocks on road, damage to personal vehicles (windshields AND headlights/taillight!!), and damage to our personal household wells. I also have had numerous near misses at Silverthorne Elementary School stop light with trucks completely disregarding their red light. It is only a matter of time before a horrific accident occurs at this location.

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.

Sincerely,

Susan Rose

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Silverthorne Colorado

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Number of people in your household_4_____



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Barbara Smith <barbaramsmith1@verizon.net>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 5:10 PM

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to seek Non-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:

- Federal Wilderness on both sides
- 1000s of acres of County protected open space
- 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements.
- An ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status
- Wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek.
- No existing industrial activity in the valley
- Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

I wish MY OPINION 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,

Ted and Barbara Smith, [4320 Meadowridge Lane, Collegeville, PA 19426](#)

e-mail address: barbaramsmith1@verizon.net



RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource

1 message

Cacey Martin <cnmartin7@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 5:45 PM

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

October 6th. 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my desire to not have this application approved

I am specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons: Peak Materials plans to mine gravel there and truck it back to their current plant. This will put 230 more trucks on hwy 9 a day- greatly impacting those of us who commute to Summit County for work.

Not only will it impact our commute, but it has serious impacts for the Blue River, and our wildlife.

Please DO NOT approve this application.

Sincerely,
Cacey & Steve Martin
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Number of people in your household - 4



proposed gravel mining

1 message

Lawrence and Lisa Woods <lnlwoods@msn.com>
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Tue, Oct 6, 2020 at 11:44 PM

10/6/2020

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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:

Tearing up the land and the associated noise pollution should not be allowed in a place with Federal Wilderness on both sides, 1000s of acres of County protected open space, 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements, and an ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status. Furthermore, wildlife and people will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek. This also creates a safety hazard for humans and wildlife with greatly enhanced potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, bikers to get run over by gravel trucks, and gravel trucks to collide with cars entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek. Finally, any industrial activity located within Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan is deemed antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability. It can adversely affect the precious well water quality for both wildlife our well water.

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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Lawrence and Lisa Woods

Lawrence Woods and Lisa Sanchez-Woods
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Number of people in your household: 5



Proposed Peak Materials Summit County Gravel Mining Operation

1 message

Sylvia Koneman <slyak1@yahoo.com>
To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 7:45 AM

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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:

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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Number of residents: 2



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

1 message

Jessica Smith <jessica.gazin@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 8:10 AM

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
[1313 Sherman St.](#)
[Denver, CO 80203](#)

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

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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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2 people in household



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Helen Barker <habarker@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us
Cc: FOLBR Management <office@folbr.org>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 9:15 AM

1313 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to comment 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 opposed to this proposed project for the following reasons:

The 230 truck trips per day to and from the Peak Ranch Resource and the Peak processing plant near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne will have numerous negative effects:

- a. reduced traffic safety
- b. increased vehicle and dust air pollution
- c. increased danger to wildlife due to heavy truck traffic
- d. increased noise pollution
- e. reduced residential property values

I wish to be kept up to date concerning all hearings and decisions concerning this application. Also, please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time, location and format for the hearing.

Sincerely,
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Number of people in your household 2



Peak Ranch gravel pit

1 message

Bette Casapulla <casaspud@gmail.com>
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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 9:16 AM

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:

As a resident of Elk Run Road, I believe this project will very negatively impact our neighborhood in a huge number of ways.

I believe the quality and quantity of our wells will suffer.

The increased amount of traffic on the road will impact the environment, the wildlife, and the safety of travelers on this section of Highway 9.

The Blue River will suffer from the effects of pollution and excess sediment flowing into the river.

This is a residential and wilderness area, which should not have a commercial, industrial project in the middle of it.

There should be inherent protection from Summit County's Blue River Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural and economic values of this valley, and their sustainability.

The pollution, traffic, noise and degradation of the road will have an adverse affect on my own personal enjoyment of my home.

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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely;

Frank Casapulla

Francis Casapulla

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Peak Materials Mine

1 message

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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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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:

We have a well below the proposed mining area that would be affected negatively by the mine. Fishing and wildlife will be negatively impacted for private gain. The Peaks reclamation plan is inadequate. This is also going to have a negative effect on property values below the mine.

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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Justin Armstrong

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Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M202041)

1 message

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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 12:16 PM

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
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RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to seek Non-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:

- Federal Wilderness on both sides
- 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements
- An ex-Gold Medal trout river re-seeking that status
- Wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek
- No existing industrial activity in the valley
- Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

I wish MY OPINION 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,
(Signed)
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RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Melissa Heiter <melissaheiter@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 12:36 PM

October 7, 2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

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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 because I keep my horse on Elk Run Road, directly adjacent to the proposed property. Having additional traffic and noise will drastically reduce the peace and quiet that the residents and tenants of the Elk Run Road currently enjoy. Having additional trucks will also damage the road and make it difficult to enter and exit Elk Run Road. Furthermore, I am an avid fly fisher and fish regularly on the Blue River. The property's adjacency to the river poses a risk to the fish population and our ability to enjoy is.

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.

Sincerely,

Melissa Heiter

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Application by Peak Ranch Resource

1 message

Barbara Dolhansky <badolhansky@gmail.com>
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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 2:01 PM

10/5/2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
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RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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

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- Wildlife and people who will be adversely impacted by the noise and air pollution created by 230 one way gravel truck trips a day for 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek
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- Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

I wish MY OPINION 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,

Barbara Dolhansky
Barbara Dolhansky
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Jane Bruce

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September 14, 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 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 Research.

I am aggrieved by this proposed project for the following Reasons:

As a home owner since 2001 just 3 parcels South of the proposed project there are many reasons why this project shouldn't go through. Hard to determine which ones are the most important as I see them as all being important. The reason most of us are so far out of town is due to the serenity that surrounds us. We can't imagine what it would be like with a gravel pit so close.

- 1) The noise pollution
- 2) The dust, that would be blown our way most of the time since it comes from the North, would not only effect the air quality we breath but would impact the livestock and also potentially dangerous particles being released into the environment.
- 3) My well water Quality and Quantity
- 4) The amount of trucks going in front of my place on a daily basis, up to 250. The traffic it would add. The dust it would generate, the noise it would add, as they are always shifting, the pitted windshields that would occur due to gravel falling off the trucks. The safety of bicycle riders on Hwy 9, they widened the road several years

ago which took out a big piece of the danger on the HWY. It would also erode the road due to all the trucks going back and forth.

- 5) Peaks reclamation plan is inadequate
- 6) It would be such an eye sore to the pristine valley, there should not be any industrial activity allowed, it goes against the grain of what that area is all about.
- 7) It would effect the wildlife in the area
- 8) It would effect the river and the habitat around it.
- 9) It will effect our property values
- 10) Increase security issues having more truck drivers and mining personal so close.

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 me of the date, time, and location for this meeting

Sincerely,

Jane Bruce

Jane Bruce

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number of persons in my household 1 (I am a widow)



Stop the Pit

1 message

Dale Montagne <dmontagne33@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 2:21 PM

To: drms.temp@state.co.us, John Fielder <john@johnfielder.com>

Emailed [to;drms.temp@state.co.us](mailto:drms.temp@state.co.us) john@johnfielder.com,

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

[1313 Sherman St.](#)

[Denver, CO 80203](#)

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

From Dale Montagne

[377 Elk Run Rd Silverthorne Co 80498 Lot 2](#) lost creek Ranch dmontagne33@gmail.com 970.513.9093
landline



Stop The Pit

I am a recognized **national artist, the closest well and property owner Located within 200'** of the proposed gravel pit. Over the past 18yrs I have created a fun visual sculpture park icon just across the highway from the proposed pit. Most developed societies consider art as a mark of higher civilization. I have numerous works across the county including the Justice Center, St Anthony's hospital, and the library, not to mention the pieces across the country. The point being the proposed pit and truck entry will considerably inhibit my ability to earn a living through escalating the noise at least 5 times, not to mention the grease and sludge generated by diesel trucks estimated to pass every 2 minutes. There is also the added dangers of cutting off major game migrations and creating life threats to animal and human life. Not unusual to see 150 elk crossing over to my side of the highway. The final element is you will destroy a major value in my property being the million dollar view now to become noisy and full of trucks, major cranes other equipment, as well as significant danger to my well. I purchased this property in 1997 for the pristine beauty.

Summit counties real economic base is tourism, worth billions a year. Special self serving interest mining companies are not a worthy sacrifice of our pristine wildernesses which are rapidly shrinking. What sort of a legacy to we leave to our children, and their children, and so on? As a politician and state board member I would not like to go down as sabotaging the future of generations. A hundred years ago the expansion west welcomed mining-often polluting our rivers, clear cut lumbering-erosion, any sort of agriculture all in the name of progress. THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE. The pristine natural beauty far outweighs special interests vrs billions in tourism related natural beauty!

Looking at a few facts. I am at the tip of the glacial moraine from the Ute Mountains. My entire uphill neighborhood have dug wells through shale bedrock in the watershed mountain network. The water table is as close as 50-60 Ft. from the surface along Highway 9 on my side of the road as well as the proposed pit side. I can attest that the proposed pit property is honeycombed with voids filled with peat. Ms. Hillard at one point had to hire trucks with hundreds/thousands of gallons of water pumped underground to put out peat fires. These underground channels will become pollution channels to the Blue River. What is the destruction of the Blue River Eco system worth? What happens to the huge uphill water shed with established underground water flow when a huge slice of it is cut and intrudes into the bedrock more than 60 Ft. below? **It will create a siphon effect.** The elevation at the top of Elk Run is 8,652 and at the proposed pit site is 8,227. Water runs downhill. My well now produces 2 gal. per. Is in danger of going dry as well as many of my neighbors. The obvious affect is devaluing major portions of million dollar properties uphill.

There is no wilderness to replace what we already have in the beautiful Blue River Valley.

Dale Montagne



Application by Peak Ranch Resource

1 message

Peter Gardner <pjgardner86@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 2:22 PM

10/5/2020

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:

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- No existing industrial activity in the valley
- Inherent protection from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan which deems any industrial activity antithetical to the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley, and their sustainability.

Once this project has been done, it cannot be undone.

I wish MY OPINION 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 e-mail distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Gardner
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Number of people in my household: 2



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Jeannette Thompson <jeannette@gongloff.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

October 7, 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 am writing to provide my opinion on the application submitted 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 one reason...the very probable effect that it will have on the homeowners water supply in Lost Creek Ranch. I am not asking you to deny the application because it is inconvenient or loud or a nuisance, Peak runs a very clean site and changes in our beautiful landscape are inevitable.

Good well water and well locations aren't easy to find out there, and to have that giant pulling all of the water down to the bottom of the hill is going to be problematic for the wells above them. If and when Lost Creek Ranch homeowners lose their water and can't find any more after digging at great expense, their homes will be devalued. Some of these homeowners' greatest investment is in their home.

I am sure that there are other locations that don't endanger the homes of 20 families. I realize that the Applicant indicates they have done their due diligence on that topic, however, in my opinion it doesn't sound like enough research has been accomplished regarding the well water issues directly above this project.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

Jeannette Thompson

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Number of people in your household 4



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Opposition to gravel mining in Lower Blue River Valley

1 message

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Cc: Gerry Dorsey <dorseygerry@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 3:24 PM

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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)

I am requesting Party status to testify about the referenced application by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated Peak Ranch Resource.

I strongly oppose this proposed development because it completely disregards the protection guaranteed by the Summit County Lower Blue Master Plan from industrial activity which would negatively impact the natural, rural nature of the valley. The disruption caused by the huge increase in traffic of 230+ lumbering, polluting, gravel trucks poses a safety hazard to motorists, bicyclists and wildlife and is completely out of place among the surrounding Federal Wilderness and protected open space.

Furthermore, I don't believe that land can be "reclaimed" to restore the natural beauty of the existing property. This would be a travesty and has no business locating in this pristine mountain valley.

I wish to be heard at the public hearing of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board when the Board takes up this application. Please include me in your email distribution list advising me of the date, time and location of this meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Regards,

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Heeney, Co 80498

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I and my husband reside at this address and would have to battle these trucks daily on our way to work and home.



Opposition to Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

1 message

Rebecca Richardson <rebrichardson@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 3:52 PM

October 7, 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 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 deeply aggrieved by, and oppose the potential addition of, this gravel mining operation in our valley especially for the following reasons:

- Our home ranch site was acquired for the remoteness of its location and the abundance of wildlife that attends it. An operation such as that intended by Peak Ranch Resources threatens both the lifestyle we invested in, as well as the Diverse wildlife we enjoy in this protected valley.
- A valley such as we reside in, with federal wilderness surrounding it on both sides, is an environmentally poor location for Peak's intended operation.
- We also depend on our well system to supply water for drinking and household use, and fear that our water supply could be at risk as a result of the Peak operation.
- Although it is understood that road safety is not directly the responsibility of your division, the inherent risks of physical harm from the volume of large trucks moving to and fro along the Blue River Highway throughout the day is significant. The noise and air pollution from the same are an additional threat to our security in this valley.

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 and location for this meeting.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our interests in determining whether to permit this operation by Peak Ranch Resources.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Richardson

Rebecca Cecile Richardson

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Application Peak Ranch Resource (File No.M2020041)

1 message

flip brumm <flipincolorado@yahoo.com>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 4:15 PM

To: "drms.temp@state.co.us" <drms.temp@state.co.us>

I am against the application proposal of the gravel mining at the Peak Ranch Resource for mostly aesthetic reasons. I drive by the Highway 9 site twice a day. An industrial operation of that magnitude and time line does not belong at that site. All the negative impacts to traffic, noise, air pollution, dust, water tables, wildlife, Blue River quality, views, and neighborly impacts would be bad. The Summit County master plan for the Lower Blue calls for maintaining the existing rural character of agriculture and open spaces etc.

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Blue Valley Acres, Grand County

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Silverthorne CO 80498

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10/7/2020

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

Re Application Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to seek a voice in the objection to Peak Materials desire to open a gravel pit on their recently purchased 80 acre parcel (formerly known as the Hillyard Property) located approximately 12 miles N of Silverthorne on Hwy 9 across from Ute Pass Road.

My name is Bradley Heinrich and 11 years ago I fortunate enough to purchase a 30 acre parcel, located at 35055 Hwy 9. Which I refer to as my "Slice of Heaven". However, I need to let you know how devastating the possibility of having a gravel pit within 1/10 of a mile north of my dream paradise would be.

Safety - as you may know, the stretch of Hwy 9 that allows vehicles to pass one another starts at mile marker 113, which is approx. 1/8 of a mile south of my property entrance. At least 33% of the time, when we leave our property to enter Hwy 9 (south bound towards Silverthorne), there is a north bound vehicle attempting to pass (traveling much faster than the allowable speed limit) in the south bound lane and we are forced to drive on the shoulder to avoid a head on collision. The thought of an additional 115 (Peak's estimate) north bound gravel trucks slowing down to enter the gravel pit, coupled with the already extremely high volume of traffic creates a horrific safety issue. I've personally witnessed over 100 near head on collisions. Whereas, the shoulder and or ditch must be used to avoid serious injury if not death. In addition, the Hwy is heavily traveled with biking and that creates a whole another safety issue.

Health – from a health standpoint, specifically dust, my wife has some breathing difficulties and many allergies. Thus, this mining of aggregate would more than likely force us to have to sell our "Slice of Heaven".

Pollution – Air, noise, etc. As you know the Lower Blue River (Gore Range and the Williams Fork Range) are one of Colorado's premier picturesque mountain ranges and given the fact that Peak Materials have some many other options, why wouldn't this Lower Blue area be preserved?

Water Contamination – Obviously, it's well known and documented mining in close proximity to a river creates environmental issues. How is it even possible for a permit to even be applied for when any water including wetlands are within a ½ mile of such?

Property Values – It's hard to quantify what percentage of value the properties would decrease, but I'm certain it would be in the 25% range. And I as well as many of my neighbors used the majority of our savings to purchase our dream home to live here.

In closing, I hope the above for mentioned points of interest are more than enough to distinguish any possibility of the thought of permitting a gravel pit in this area we all call paradise.

I certainly wish to be heard when the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board meets to discuss this (Peaks Mining) application. Please notify me of such.

Respectfully,

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2 people in household



Planned Peak Materials gravel mine in Lower Blue Valley

1 message

Martin Herre <hmartin50@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 5:35 PM

To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Cc: MARTIN HERRE <hmartin50@gmail.com>, Andrea Kratzer <andrea.kratzer87@gmail.com>

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,

We are 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.

We are specifically aggrieved by this proposed project for the following reasons:

We realize that DRMS is not required to address highway safety and environmental concerns, but this is a topic that is on everybody's mind.

An estimated 230 one-way gravel truck trips a day for at least 8 months a year back and forth to Maryland Creek for processing, creates a significant safety hazard for humans and wildlife, significantly increases the potential for vehicles to collide with wildlife, as well as cyclists getting run over by gravel trucks. In addition it increases the possibility that gravel trucks to collide with cars who are entering and exiting the various subdivisions between the proposed mine and Maryland Creek.

We are driving on Highway every day and are experiencing increasing travel volume already, including a significant volume of large trucks, almost all of which are going over the speed limit. Adding 230 trucks/day will also impact Federal Wilderness on both sides, 1000s of acres of Summit County protected open space and 1000s of acres of working ranches forever protected from development by conservation easements.

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 us to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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RE: Application by Peak Ranch Resource # M2020041

1 message

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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 5:36 PM

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

As residents of Silverthorne my husband and I are very concerned about the 80 acre gravel pit mining operation that is proposed North of us. As we all know, traffic is already a huge problem and 230 truck trips per day clogging and harming the roads and polluting the air and possibly adversely impacting the wildlife is adding fuel to the fire and potentially dangerous to us all.

As cyclists, we are fearful that we will no longer be able to ride north of Silverthorne due to all the loose gravel tossed by the gravel trucks. Another huge danger.

And what about noise pollution?? The back of our property sits on Blue River Parkway. In the summer it is difficult to have a conversation while sitting in our backyard. Is the State interested in putting up a sound barrier wall for us afflicted by all the current traffic noise? I don't think so...

Another concern is the water usage of the mining operation will drain the Blue River water table.

Please reconsider this proposal that will dramatically impact our beautiful rural community.

Sincerely,
Samuel R. Maine
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STOP PEAK MATERIALS SILVERTHORNE, CO

1 message

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Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 6:27 PM

October 7, 2020

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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:

As a resident of Summit Sky Ranch and a 15 year homeowner in Silverthorne, I recognize that this new Peak mine development is unneeded in Summit County. When I bought this home from Tom Everest's property, I asked Tom specifically, what will be happening to his Everest Material's company. He told me he is moving the operation and equipment to Grand Junction. Which pleased me to hear. Unfortunately, Tom sold his mining business to Peak Material who wants to expand. This will cause more traffic into Peak Material. Traffic that is unneeded. Peak material likes to work through the night. I can see the extra bright flood lights into my bedroom window when Peak works overnight hours. We do not need this to happen. I do not need to be woken up in the night by bright lights when they increase their operations. Also, this mining cannot be good for the water table and the Blue River. I can see the water color of their current mining operations. And my neighborhood wants to make the hole in the ground a swimming beach. I am not sure if that would be healthy for my family, the wildlife, the Blue River or our community. I do not care who owns it, just don't make our beautiful Lower Blue a mine pit. Unnecessary, unwanted and unsightly to our beautiful landscape and river. Bring back the GOLD MEDAL RIVER credibility.

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 and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

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October 7, 2020

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**Re: Objection to Application by Kilgore Companies, LLC (dba Peak Materials) for
the Peak Ranch Resource Mine (File No. M2020041) as it Relates to Peak Materials'
Mining Permit M1996-049 at the Maryland Creek Ranch Aggregate Mine**

Gentlemen:

Summit Capital, LLC manages the Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch near Silverthorne, Colorado and is the agent for Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch, LLC (ENMR), owner of the ranch. Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch is directly across Colorado Highway 9 from Kilgore Companies, LLC's (dba Peak Materials (Peak)) Maryland Creek Ranch Aggregate Mine (MCRA Mine). Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch includes a large constructed wetland, known as the Love Pit Wetland. Construction of the Love Pit Wetland was completed by Everist Materials in 2003 as mitigation for wetland disturbance associated with the Love Pit Mine. Figure 1 (attached to this letter) shows the extent of the Love Pit

Wetland and its close physical proximity to the MCRA Mine processing facility (aka Lake 6), the water treatment facilities, the CDPHE Outfalls, and the mining areas for the MCRA Mine.

Peak filed an application with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) for a permit (File No. M2020041) to construct a new mine, Peak Ranch Resource Mine (PRR Mine), about six miles north of Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch. The application for the proposed PRR Mine states that Peak will extract gravel raw materials at the PRR Mine and transport the extracted raw materials to the MCRA Mine for processing into construction products including sand, gravel, aggregate, fill, asphalt, concrete, and road base.

ENMR objects to Peak's application for the PRR because the application is incomplete and misleading, among other things. The application does not provide any assessment of the impacts of processing the raw materials to be extracted at the PRR Mine and transported to the MCRA Mine. By Peak's own admission in the application, mining aggregate at the proposed PRR Mine would not be possible without an off-site processing facility. The MCRA Mine is Peak's proposed processing facility. Therefore, the MCRA Mine and the proposed PRR Mine are inextricably related and concomitant. The mining permit for the MCRA Mine does not contemplate or consider processing raw materials from off-site sources such as the proposed PRR Mine. The potential environmental impacts of the additional processing at the MCRA Mine are significant enough that those impacts should be addressed in the PRR Mine application. Therefore, we respectfully request the following:

1. DRMS postpones consideration of or denies the PRR Mine application unless and until Peak provides a full assessment of the environmental impacts of processing raw materials to be extracted from the PRR Mine at the MCRA Mine processing facility;
2. DRMS requires Peak to submit a concurrent application for an Amendment to Mining Permit M1996-049 (MCRAM) that addresses processing the raw materials to be extracted from the proposed PRR Mine or any other off-site sources, which Mining Permit does not currently contemplate or consider processing materials from any off-site sources; and
3. DRMS designates Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch party status with respect to the application.

The basis for our objection is described below.

Water Treatment and Water Quality Effects on Love Pit Wetland from Process Water Treatment

As noted above, Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch includes a large constructed wetland, known as the Love Pit Wetland. Construction of the Love Pit Wetland was completed by Everist Materials in 2003 as mitigation for wetland disturbance associated with the Love Pit Mine. Figure 1 (attached to this letter) shows the extent of the Love Pit Wetland and its close physical proximity to the MCRA Mine processing facility (aka Lake 6), the water treatment facilities, the CDPHE Outfalls, and the mining areas for the MCRA Mine. The close proximity of the water treatment facilities and Outfall 002A to the northern end of the Love Pit Wetland raises serious environmental impact concerns. Peak's application for the proposed PRR Mine, and its supporting exhibits, do not address the potential environmental impacts resulting from the additional processing of raw materials to be extracted at the PRR Mine.

The wet mining method currently used at the MCRA Mine is similar to the proposed Phase 2 of the PRR Mine, using drag-lines to pre-wash the raw material and leaving fine soils in the mine pit. However, there is no such pre-washing during the proposed Phase 1 of the PRR Mine. **Exhibit I – Soils Information** of Peak's PRR Mine application states that the principal raw materials will be Handran Gravelly Loam and Sandy Loam. Sandy Loam, according to the USDA soils classification system can contain as much as 20% clay or as much as 50% silt, neither of which is a desirable component of marketable aggregates. The drill logs provided in Section 7.2 of **Exhibit D – Mining Plan** of Peak's PRR Mine application list sand and gravel as the expected raw material for the PRR Mine, but that classification can contain up to 20 percent of clay and silt. Section 5.0 of **Exhibit D – Mining Plan** of Peak's PRR Mine application states that the expected production rate will be 400,000 tons per year. Therefore, without pre-washing the raw materials at the PRR Mine site, as much as 80,000 tons of clay per year or as much as 200,000 tons of silt per year (or a combination of clay and silt) must be hauled with the gravel and removed by processing at the MCRA Mine during the proposed Phase 1. Silt and clay in the sand and gravel raw materials are commonly called "fines" and constitute a waste stream from processing. In hard-rock mining that waste stream is called "tailing" and is closely regulated by DRMS at other mines in Colorado. Potentially up to 100,000 cubic yards of such waste must be washed from the PRR Mine's raw material each year, for three years during the

proposed Phase 1. That is a significant element of the proposed PRR Mine plan that will affect the operations and reclamation at the MCRA Mine. The application for the proposed PRR Mine does not address where the waste fines will be impounded and how the final reclamation will accommodate that waste.

Water quality is an additional environmental concern. There is no evidence in **Exhibit G – Water Information** of Peak’s PRR Mine application that the applicant considered/assessed the water treatment requirements for the wash water used in processing the raw materials to be extracted from the PRR Mine at the MCRA Mine. The chemical properties of the fine soils (clay/silt fraction) at the proposed PRR Mine may be different than those at the MCRA Mine and would require different or more aggressive treatment. An inability to treat the wash water from the proposed PRR Mine would be manifested as suspended solids discharged at Outfall 002A, adjacent to the north end of the Love Pit Wetland. That would have a substantial impact on the Love Pit Wetland. The application does not describe how this will be prevented.

For these reasons, among others, the application should address the impacts of off-site processing at the MCRA Mine of the raw materials to be extracted from the PRR Mine, especially during the proposed Phase 1.

MCRA Mine Permit does not Contemplate or Consider Processing of Off-Site Materials and Requires an Amendment of the Permit

Peak’s original application, subsequent Amendments, and Technical Revisions to the MCRA Mine Permit No. M1996-049 do not contemplate or consider processing raw materials from off-site locations, as is proposed by Peak in the PRR Mine application. Figure 2 shows the current mining area, projected future mining cells, and the process facilities as “Lake 6”. The 1996 MCRA Mine application states that the expected production schedule for the MCRA Mine will be as follows (Reference 1996-49 Application, Exhibit D, Page D-2):

- Years 27 through 30 – Mining of Cell 4
- Years 31 through 38 – Mining of Cell 5
- Years 39 through 45 – Mining of Cell 6 (Process Plant Area)
- Years 46 through 50 – Finish lining augmentation pond and demobilize

The MCRA Mine permit and the above production schedule only contemplate and consider the processing or raw materials extracted from the MCRA Mine. The PRR Mine application does not, but must, address the timing and manner for the production of the PRR Mine in relation to the mining schedule for MCRA Mine. The application for the PRR Mine and an amendment to the MCRA Mine permit must address the following questions at a minimum:

1. How will mining of the process area (Lake 6) accommodate the production from the proposed PRR Mine? For example, where will processing occur when Lake 6 is mined and reclaimed?
2. How will the proposed off-site mining schedule at the PRR Mine align with the continued mining of Lake 4 and future mining of Lake 5 at the MCRA Mine?
 - a. Will mining at the PRR Mine be delayed until after Lake 5 is completed according to the MCRA Mine plan? or
 - b. Will mining be concurrent? In which case, will the water treatment requirements change?
3. If the treatment area shown on Figure 1 is used to impound fine soils from the proposed Phase 1 of the PRR Mine, how will the reclamation of the MCRA Mine accommodate that change, both in timing and design?

Potential Impacts on the Love Pit Wetlands Requires Party Status for ENMR

For the reasons identified above regarding potential impacts on the Love Pit Wetland, DRMS must designate Eagle's Nest Mountain Ranch, LLC Party Status with respect to Peak's application for the PRR Mine and any Amendment to Peak's MCRA Mine permit.

Conclusion

As demonstrated above, the existing MCRA Mine and the proposed PRR Mine are inseparable. As a result, DRMS' consideration of the proposed PRR Mine application must be delayed or denied unless and until the applicant addresses the environmental impacts of processing raw materials to be extracted from the PRR Mine at the MCRA Mine, and DRMS must require an Amendment to the existing permit for the MCRA Mine if any processing of off-site raw materials are to be allowed there.

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Mr. Means and Mr. Scott
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We also request that this letter be added to the DRMS MCRA Mine file and that the impacts to the MCRA Mine outlined in this letter be added to the DRMS Board meeting agenda for the hearing on the proposed PRR Mine application. Our technical consultant in this matter is Steven D. Steffens, PE at Steffens and Associates, Inc.

Sincerely,



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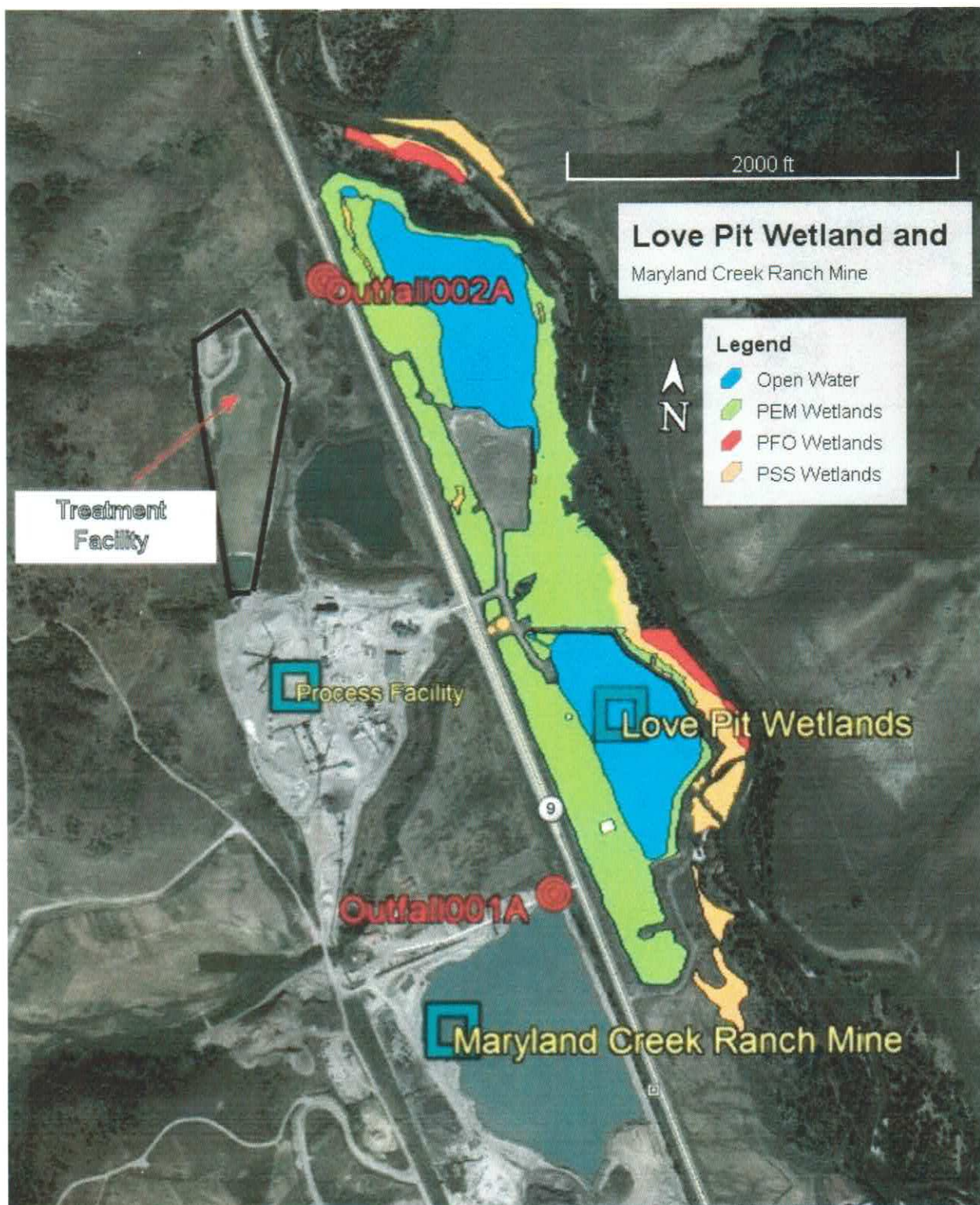


Figure 1 Maryland Creek Ranch Aggregate Mine and Love Pit Wetlands

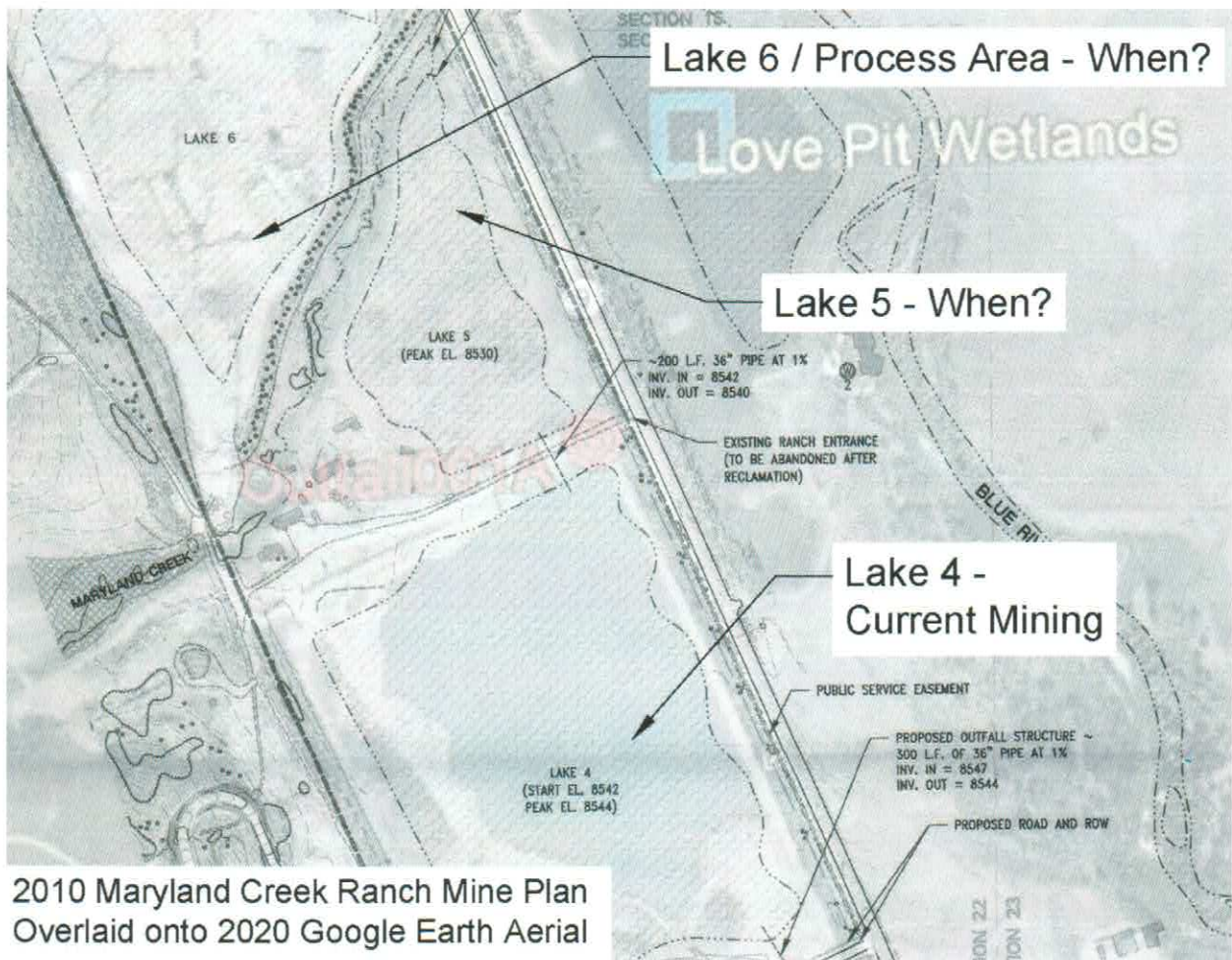


Figure 2 - Overlay of MCRAM 2010 Mine Plan and 2020 Google Earth Aerial Photo



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

1 message

Bruce Buehner <buehnerb@gmail.com>
To: drms.temp@state.co.us

Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 8:11 PM

I just read that I need to provide more personal information for my objection to be accepted.
Phone number: 970-468-8662
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And to add, I am concerned about reduction in property values, and the effect on the precious groundwater that supplies our wells.

Respectfully,
Bruce Buehner

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From: **Bruce Buehner** <buehnerb@gmail.com>
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To Whom it May Concern,
I would like to present my objection to this project.

It is not a case of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) but rather in our Front Yard!!

I am concerned about increased traffic. Highway 9 has already seen increased traffic the past few years. I cannot imagine what it might be like with an increase of gravel trucks.

This portion of Hiway9, along the entrance to the proposed gravel pit and the entrance to my neighborhood, is one of the few passing lane places for several miles. Drivers already treat this as some kind of race track, trying to get around slower vehicles. With slower moving gravel laden trucks, it can only be worse!!

No matter what they say about pretty berms or fences, it will be an eyesore to those of us living in the neighborhood and driving down from above.

I keep reading how Summit County is approaching buildout. Why do we need aggregate for the next 15 years??????

Plans to return the site to its "natural state" and beauty seem woefully inadequate. I see the former pits right across from Maryland Creek operations. They are nice to look at, but not something that the public can participate and enjoy. Posted private property.

This is an inappropriate use of the Lower Blue Valley and goes against current zoning guidelines and usage of this land area.

We moved here because of the pastoral and quiet nature, not because we want to see an industrial operation creating excessive traffic.

I hope that money and greed do not play into the decisions about this project, but rather the concerns of the neighboring citizens and the best interests for the long run of the Lower Blue Valley.

Sincerely,
Bruce Buehner
owner at [2150 Elk Run Road](#)



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

1 message

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October 07, 2020

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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:

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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Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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October 6, 2020

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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,

Maryann E Gaug (electronic signature)

Maryann E Gaug

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Peak Ranch Resource Application.

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I strongly oppose the proposed location of the gravel pit. As a home owner in the Elk Run Subdivision, I fear their operation will negatively impact our already fragile well situation.

Highway 9 has already seen a huge rise in traffic volume, and feel sure that an addition of slower moving vehicles will create a situation of people attempting to pass the trucks hauling materials which in turn is going to lead to more accidents and probably loss of life.

Our area has long been an area frequented by wildlife , I fail to see how a mining pit is not going to impact the wildlife corridor.

The beauty of the lower blue is also going to be compromised by the development of a gravel pit.

I'm not a fisherman , but understand that the lower blue is a prime fishing location, the gravel pit will no doubt have a negative impact on the pristine waters of the lower blue.

In summary I see absolutely no positives in using this location for a gravel pit.

Just DONT do it !

Gary Royal.

10/07/20

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

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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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Nancy Lohrenz 10/7/20