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Division of Mining, Reclamation, and Safety  
Colorado Department of Natural Resources  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to public notice my office received on September 8, 2020 regarding the Regular (112) Construction Materials Reclamation Permit application submitted to your office by Kilgore Companies, LLC dba Peak Materials (Peak Materials). After reviewing the proposed use and property location, I am submitting the following comments for your consideration.

First, the Dillon Ranger District supports this type of land use on private property. As you are aware, the U.S. Forest Service often works with mining claimants and manages mining activities that occur on National Forest System lands in accordance with 36 CFR Part 228 and the agency's multiple-use mandate. However, when possible, siting mining operations on private property can be beneficial as it maintains opportunity for other uses on public land.

Second, if this application is approved, please ensure that Peak Materials is required to maintain an accurate and clearly marked boundary between private property and National Forest. The proposed Peak Ranch Resource mine is adjacent to the northeast corner of an approximately 10-acre piece of National Forest System land. Boundary management is essential to the land stewardship and public trust responsibilities of the U.S. Forest Service. It is important that property owners understand the location of neighboring public lands in order to prevent encroachment and resource damage.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this application. I would appreciate you keeping me apprised of your decision by contacting the Dillon Ranger District office via mail at 680 Blue River Parkway; P.O. Box 620, Silverthorne, CO 80498 or phone at 970-468-5400.

Sincerely,

SHELLY GRAIL  
Acting District Ranger

