



Opposition to Peak Ranch Resource proposal

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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 application by Peak Materials to establish a gravel mining operation at the site designated as Peak Ranch Resource.

As a long time property owner in the Lower Blue Valley of Summit County I have concerns about the personal and environmental impacts of this mining operation. My family has owned land and water rights in the county for decades. We have chosen to dedicate our land and water for only agricultural and recreation use because we believe in the sustainability of these activities. We selected this location for our family because of the Federal Wilderness lands and the 1000s of acres of protected open spaces and working ranches that surround us.

I oppose this proposed gravel mining project because it is not a sustainable use of our natural resources. The environmental and noise pollution generated from this operation could disrupt wildlife habitat and migration patterns. The debris and erosion generated by mining could contaminated the water quality of the blue river and the Green Mountain canal that feeds the irrigation ditches on our land. Additionally the erosion could lead to the loss of riparian vegetation. The fine dust particles will alter the air quality for humans and animals sharing the valley.

I am unable to attend the public hearing of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board when the Board takes up this application, however I do want my concerns to be recognized. Please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the outcome of the meeting.

Sincerely,

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