



Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)

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

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

- The Lower Blue River of Summit County is unique in Colorado. This high alpine valley of relatively undeveloped characteristics near the Metro area provides multiple recreational, visual, historic and spiritual opportunities for all Coloradans.
- I have hiked, hunted, rafted and explored this magnificent area for over 35 years. Recently, I retired from my position at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge and moved to Norwood, Colorado. I intend to return many times to hike, camp, hunt, recreate and visit old friends.
- Allowing a gravel quarry in such a location would be highly problematic due to potential interference with wildlife movement and migration, including negative fishery impact. This project would create visual and auditory disturbance, impose negative impacts to air and water quality, including the view shed.
- The proponent's reclamation plan is inadequate.
- The proposal is incompatible with surrounding land use of Federally designated Wilderness, Summit County Open Space, and thousands of acres of productive agricultural land in conservation easements.
- I am also concerned this approval process is incomplete as impacts to State Highway 9 are not considered. Common sense dictates the cumulative impact of this proposal be considered as greatly increased traffic, particularly heavy truck activity, will be harmful to vehicular traffic, non motorized use and wildlife crossing.
- Currently, no existing industrial activity is in operation in the Lower Blue.
- The Summit County Lower Blue Master Plan deems any industrial activity as incompatible with the natural, rural, and economic values of the valley and their sustainability.

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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