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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street
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Re: Application by Peak Ranch Resource (File No. M2020041)
via e-mail: drms.temp@state.co.us

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Summit County approximately 10 miles north of I70 in the Lower Blue River Valley, and about 1.5 miles west of Highway 9. I am writing to seek Party status to testify about the above-mentioned application by Peak Materials for a permit to commence a gravel mining operation at the Peak Ranch Resource site in Summit County, Colorado. My home is located between the site that Peak Materials proposes to run 230 truck trips per day and its processing plant at Maryland Creek. The disruption and degradation to my life that I will experience as a result of this project's truck traffic, noise, increased risk of injury or death to me and my family, impacts to wildlife, impacts to recreation resources, and the overall environmental degradation in the Lower Blue River Valley, establish my standing to participate in the DRMS' decision-making process.

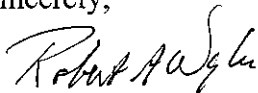
Several of my specific objections to the proposed project at this time are identified below for your consideration. At this public hearing on this application I intend to provide testimony on these and other issues.

1. The application for the proposed project is premature. A Summit County Conditional Use Permit for the proposed project at the Peak Ranch Resource site must be obtained for this project to go forward. The application before DRMS ignores the fact that there is nowhere for the mined material to go for processing. The Maryland Creek processing facility is not allowed under the terms of Resolution No. 2016-08 of the Lower Blue Planning Commission. This Resolution specifically provides under "2. Permitted Uses and Activities, L." "No raw materials may be imported onto the site,...". Resolution No. 2016-08 further states that the permit shall expire September 1, 2026 unless extended. I am not aware that the permit has been extended. Until the material to be extracted at the project site has a place to be processed, consideration by DRMS is premature and the subject application should not go forward.

2. The application lacks a comprehensive traffic and highway safety analysis. The application before DRMS includes wildlife impact study which briefly mentions potential impacts to wildlife within the corridor between the Maryland Creek and the Peak Ranch Resource site. A significant deficiency of the study is the failure to include a broader traffic and highway safety analysis and hence a deficient application. A comprehensive traffic and safety analysis should examine: the impact of adding significant truck traffic from the project to the growing traffic within the corridor, safety concerns associated with turning movements onto the numerous side roads (including Rock Creek Road which my family, my guests, and I use in the absence of any turn lanes); the physical constraints to any future highway improvements associated with the Blue River and other natural features in the Lower Blue River Valley; noise from 230 trucks per day passing through the corridor, safety concerns associated with conflicts between the increased truck traffic and recreational users (cyclists, fishermen, etc.) on Colorado Hwy 9; increased roadkill; and other traffic and highway safety concerns.

Again, please note that I wish to be heard at the public hearing of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board when the Board takes the application by Peak Ranch Resource. Please add me to your email distribution list notifying interested parties of the date, time and location for this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. Wyler".

Robert A. Wyler, Managing Partner
Pebble Creek Ranch