



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

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To whom it may concern,

As the State Representative for House District 61 which includes Summit County, I am deeply concerned about the proposed Gravel Pit for the Lower Blue River Valley. In the conversations I've had with my constituents in this pristine part of the high country, there are numerous concerns about geologic impacts, significant issues with water supply and damages to wildlife ecosystems and populations.

On behalf of these constituents, 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.

I am against the proposed project for the following reasons:

- As production grows, there is a concern for residents and 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 near Maryland Creek Ranch in Silverthorne.
- Production may cause decreased water well quantity and quality.
- There are Federal Wilderness areas on both sides of the Highway 9 corridor. I am concerned about wildlife safety and migration (including the Blue River fishery).
- The Silverthorne community has expressed interest in restoring the once Gold Medal trout stream status and this operation will create challenges for this effort.
- The protections from Summit County's Lower Blue Master Plan deems any industrial activity as counter to the sustainability of the natural, rural, and economic values of the Blue River Valley, which are forever protected from development by conservation easements.

I wish to be present at the Colorado Mining Land Reclamation Board at the public hearing 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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