



***DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION***

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CC: Tim and Mary Preister and DMRA Residents

Sirs,

The Douglas Mountain Residents Association (DMRA) is an association of residents that live within the boundaries of the intersection of Highway 6 and 119, Douglas Mountain Drive and Golden Gate Canyon Road including east and south to Camino Perdido near Centennial Cone Open Space and Robinson Hill Road. As close neighbors, we are strongly opposed to the proposed Frei Quarry expansion, an expansion that will nearly double the quarry footprint to approximately 750 acres. There are residents in our association that live less than a mile away and nearly all of our residents travel Highway 6 daily encountering the many trucks entering and leaving the quarry.

DMRA was one of the few objectors of the earlier expansion of the Frei Quarry several years ago when again, a lack of communication and neighborhood input was simply ignored. The DMRA Board (signatures follow below) wishes to support the letter from Tim and Mary Preister (dated September 6, 2021) and other aggrieved parties as the authors and many of the signatories are DRMA members. Their correspondence clearly spells out the concerns of all of the DMRA residents; namely: traffic, dust and dangerous driving conditions through the canyon and past the quarry, and obstruction and destruction of the views from the resident's properties.

The Preister's letter rightly points out that additional testimony should be allowed regarding the expansion. It is our understanding that only one objection to the expansion has been registered and as such that single party is the only party to be included in the hearing process. They further state that the lack of objections is not due to lack of concern, but is the result of grossly inadequate consideration of public interest and outdated public notification requirements. Because of the lack of outreach and communication to neighboring residents there is a general lack of awareness to those who will be impacted. This lack of communication happened with the previous expansion as well.

In conclusion, it is our hope that this proposal will be afforded adequate review and that all objections be heard and investigated. Should you have further questions about our objection to this proposal, Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board Members below.

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