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COLORADO

Zuber - DNR, Rob &lt;rob.zuber@state.co.us&gt;

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**Re: Raptor Materials, LLC "Two Rivers Sand, Gravel and Reservoir Project"**  
**File#M2022013**

1 message

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Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 12:34 PM

To: "Rob.Zuber@state.co.us" &lt;Rob.Zuber@state.co.us&gt;

Cc: "Froid, Brian" &lt;brian.froid@chevron.com&gt;

Dear Mr. Zuber,

My wife and I were recently informed of the proposed gravel pit/mining operation located adjacent to our Dos Rios Subdivision along 54th Street Road and Rd 396. We (as well-as other neighbors) vehemently oppose allowing this type of operation so close to the numerous homes in this subdivision. Thirty years ago, we chose to build our dream home and raise our children (and grandchildren) in this area because of the serenity and beauty of the area along the rivers. For years, our family has enjoyed walking, biking, and riding our horses in this area. The area is a haven, teeming with abundant wildlife; Deer, Turkey, Bobcats, Bald Eagles, etc. Bald Eagles were removed from the endangered species list in August 2007 because their populations recovered sufficiently. However, both Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles are still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (Eagle Act) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). Recently, a large conservation project was developed through Westervelt Ecological Services to help preserve wildlife in the area.

I drive throughout Weld County daily for my job and over the past few years, I have observed additional large gravel/mining operations starting up throughout the County. We have watched with disgust the destruction of fertile productive farm ground and wildlife habitats. The number of trucks entering and exiting these sites have created increased traffic congestion and safety issues. I have witnessed multiple times trucks failing to stop at intersections, pulling out in front of oncoming traffic, and raising enough dust that other drivers must slow down or stop since they are unable to see oncoming traffic. I have no reason to not expect the same scenario in our area should a mining operation start up next to our subdivision.

With the increasing influx of people to the Greeley/Evans area traffic congestion has increased significantly. The intersection closest to the proposed site at 54th Street Road and 65th Avenue, is located at the bottom of a hill and has a sharp curve. Visibility is very limited due to the terrain, and during winter months treacherous due to ice and snow. I cannot count the number of accidents that have already occurred due to the poor visibility, vehicle speed and poor road conditions. Other major concerns we have is Pollution. Lighting at the facility will obscure us from observing the stars and meteor showers. Trash and dirt will be blown throughout our neighborhood and the constant noise from machinery and heavy equipment will be relentless. Our property value will drop tremendously, which is another huge concern for us all in this area. Please, put yourself in our shoes when you consider allowing this project to proceed and choose to put a halt to this further development.

Respectfully,

Brian Froid

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