

MOON VALLEY COMMENTS (3 pages):

(REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FOR 180132 HWY 160, SOUTH FORK, COLORADO)

May 8th, 2023

MOON VALLEY
180173 West Highway160
South Fork, Colorado 81154
OWNER: Larry Ehardt

We would like to start by asking a question:

How would you feel if you planned a serene, restful vacation in the mountains of Wolf Creek Colorado only to find that once you've arrived, you'd be spending your vacation watching and listening to rock dump trucks pulling in and out of a gravel pit all day and breathing rock dust instead of fresh mountain air?

We ask this because it is already a reality for us and our vacation guests. The noise of dump trucks throttling up and down and honking in front of our establishment day in and day out obviously disrupts our tourism business and our day to day lives. We've received numerous complaints from our guests about the noise, increase in traffic and dust since these gravel pit activities started and we've had guests cut their stays short due to this disruption of their vacation. If it continues it will put the future of our business in jeopardy.

Until we received the county certified letter 5/04/2023 (last week) we have never been made aware of any request for permits, zoning or any legal proceedings that would allow a commercial gravel operation to conduct business in this pristine mountain area.

Unfortunately, there has already been industrial scale commercial processing and removal of rock material from this location for years now. This activity started long before we began collecting photos/videos, but we've attached a video timestamped all the way back to September of 2021 that shows commercial rock truck activity pulling in and out of the location under question ("IMG_0194.MOV"). We have years of photo/video evidence if needed.

I've also included a photo timeline on the 2nd and 3rd pages of this document showing the high rate of traffic going in and out of this gravel pit in a 20-minute timeframe.

Even though we have been monitoring this situation, we are not in the habit of tattling on our neighbors. We had hoped this was a temporary situation that would come to an end soon. Now that we are aware that the county is entertaining the idea of allowing this to turn into a legitimate gravel pit operation, we feel the need to speak out strongly against any chance of this happening.

At this point we ask that all the truck activity, rock processing and gravel removal from this location cease immediately and that it is never allowed to take place in the future.

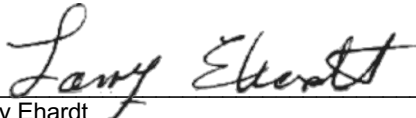
We want to be very clear that if this activity is allowed to proceed any longer it will continue to put our business in danger, and you will be rewarding previous bad behavior. The fact that a gravel pit could potentially be prioritized over a tourism business on Wolf Creek is a very bad sign for the future of this area.


We have lived and been in business in this location since the 1960's and have gone out of our way to be good stewards of the beauty and serenity of this area. We could never have dreamed that we'd be discussing the possibility of a gravel pit operation being allowed in this location.

Please feel free to contact us at 646 479 4231 with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are in hopes that you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,


Larry Ehardt 5/08/23
(date)



Darrin Ehardt 5/08/23
(date)

BELOW IS A 20-MINUTE VISUAL TIMELINE (WITH "CONTENT CREATION" TIMESTAMPS TO THE RIGHT) SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY ALREADY TAKING PLACE AT THE LOCATION UNDER DISCUSSION:

4 images - Elapsed time = 20 minutes

IMAGE A - 7/12/22 (**8:47am**): Shows a large dump truck exiting the location and another company pickup pulling up to enter the property.



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IMAGE B - 7/12/22 (**8:48am**): Shows another dump truck slowing to enter the location.



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IMAGE C - 7/12/22 (8:56am): Shows another dump truck exiting the location.



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IMAGE D - 7/12/22 (9:05am): Shows another dump truck slowing to enter the location.



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