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Comments on M-2023-025

1 message

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To: "rob.zuber@state.co.us" <rob.zuber@state.co.us>

Mr. Zuber,

My name is MIke Janeczko. I am a direct neighbor on the north side of the proposed sand and gravel mining operation along the South Platte river.

I just found out there is a deadline of TODAY for objections and comments on this proposed operation.

I received no notice of any kind from the state on this proposal. I also have received no notice from Weld county on the results of their hearing that occurred back last spring. The only info I have is a plat map of the mining op that I requested from Weld county at that time.

As a result, I am kind of shooting from the hip on this situation.

I sent an objection letter to the county at that time informing them that there is an active eagle nest appx. 1300 feet from the north boundary of their "cell 4" of their sand and gravel mine.

I have had no reply as to what the status of that objection might have been.

My other main concern is that I firmly believe that the nest will most likely be abandoned due to the operation of the facility. (Obviously the truck traffic, dust and associated noise from the operation).

My second concern is that during high water events such as the flood of 2013 and rainy spring of 2015 the south platte river breached the bermed bank on my property in two different areas downstream of this proposed operation.

One erosional spot eroded the bank so much that it almost broke through which would have diverted the main channel of the river through my property bypassing the leg of the river that feeds the main union ditch diversion dam completely. This bank is maintained by the Union Ditch company. They were forced to bring in numerous loads of fill and concrete rip rap to avoid this catastrophe.

So, if there is any type of berm, retaining wall or other structure being built on the west side of this mine it most likely will streamline the flow of the channel against the north side of the riverbank (on my property) thereby enhancing the likelihood of a major breach of the existing berms and consequent flooding of my land.

So....are all of these concerns being addressed in this application?

I am not one of those old codgers that is anti-everything....just very concerned that the lack of any kind of communication with a direct neighboring landowner on this proposal has been so staggering.

In closing, I operate my 258 acres along the river as a wildlife sanctuary. I am very saddened that the beautiful and productive Phelps farm which over the years also protected (and provided forage for) the wildlife is being turned into a huge sand and

gravel pit. There just aren't very many places left for the mule deer, whitetails, and numerous other critters as well as waterfowl to be safe along the River corridor in this area.

If I can pull it off I will forward a copy of my letter to the county.

VTY

MIke JAneczko