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Mistrust and Stroh Pit Protest

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To: patrick.lennberg@state.co.us

Dear Mr. Lennberg,

Please find the attached letter and signatures protesting the Zoning change request and proposal by Coulson mining to open and operating a gravel mining operation Upwind and only 900 feet from over a Thousand homes and our Local school and recreation center. There are a multitude of concerns for our Community:

According to Larimer County's requirements for a zoning change and approval of such a proposal the said proposal MUST BE CONDUCIVE TO THE COMMUNITY, which it certainly is not.

Respiratory and air quality concerns for our residents as we border the proposed operation and are down wind from the proposed site.

Coulson's poor track record for reclaiming it's previous operations at the Kirtright pit which is still unfinished after 2 1/2 DECADES and I believe, multiple notifications and warnings from multiple State and county authorities including your agency. Their track record offers zero confidence they will perform any better going forward, especially concerning now with over 1,000 Families now residing as close as 900 feet from the operation.

The proposed operation is still not approved by DRMS.

Sound and Traffic concerns coming from Heavy Mining Equipment and a proposed 200 Semi-Trucks Hauling Gravel out of the site on a small Two Lane service road along Interstate 25.

The proposed site is situated in the middle of a Flood Plan that has had severe flooding twice in recent years from the Big Thompson River floods.

Grave concerns about the loss of property values in most people's largest investment, our homes.

We appreciate your appreciation to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Grayson Graff

July 2, 2024

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This letter by the neighbors of the Kirtright and Stroh Pits is being delivered via email only in order to provide you feedback in a timely manner for the Coulson revised reclamation plan. The contents of this letter in no way encompasses all the comments and concerns we have.

Coulsons have married the reclamation of the Kirtright Pit to the mining of the Stroh Pit by stating the dirt from the Stroh Pit will be used to fill in ponds on the Kirtright Pit. DRMS has not approved the current mining plan of the Stroh Pit as it stands with Larimer County.

We the neighbors of the surrounding residents object to the work for these specific concerns.

1. There are many more residents by the hundreds than there were years ago when the Stroh Pit was initiated.
2. The health of these residents are at risk due to the airborne particulates generated by the mining and movement of dirt including 200 trucks daily traveling on site.
3. Definite decreased property values when in the vicinity of a mining operation
4. Long periods of open areas of mud flats invite the infestation of mosquitos and other unwanted pests that carry disease
5. Traffic has increased on Frontage Road since the testimonies of 2017 and 2018. It will be much more dangerous for these 200 large vehicles to be entering and leaving Frontage Road daily.
6. Since DRMS has not approved a conveyor system to be used, 200 trucks will generate noises far beyond the peace and quiet of daily living in the neighborhood, causing stress and emotional grief.

7. We don't believe the current bond amount is adequate should the project go longer or become much more involved. The current estimate by Coulsons to finish the reclamation is far beyond the current bond.
8. DRMS and DWR have demonstrated they do not closely manage the Coulson administration as evidenced by:
 - a. Coulsons have repeatedly ignored or only partially complied with DRMS rules and regulations.
 - i. 2022 orders to incorporate the 25+ piles of dirt along Lacy Lane or remove them altogether. Coulsons did not comply.
 - ii. 2022 orders to get right-of-entry and new leases from current land owners... Coulsons did not comply.
 - iii. Operating far outside the permit boundaries on O'Brien property and Kirtright property without repercussions
 - iv. Three attempts and eight months to achieve a "complete" status on the current reclamation plan for the Kirtright Pit
 - v. Continuous annual reports for a water augmentation plan never gets done
 - vi. As recently as June this year, they did not closely follow the order for signs to notify neighbors of pending work.
9. Both pits have a seven-year term to be finished. Coulsons have not successfully demonstrated that they can complete the Stroh Pit within that period, and the Kirtright Pit mining ended in 2008, with a mandatory five-year completion, of which they are eleven years overdue to finish the reclamation.

We, as neighbors of the Kirtright and Stroh Pits, are disappointed that DRMS never replied to our first letter of May 6, 2024. Ignoring the problems don't make them disappear. They only fester.

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