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Re: Comments on Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. – Amendment application for Kirtright Pit, Larimer County, Permit #M1986-123

Dear Mr. Lennberg:

I am a resident of the Thompson River Ranch and Thompson Crossing community. I am sending this letter in response to the call for comments regarding the Kirtright Pit amendment (Notice dated June 14, 2024, from Patrick Lennberg) filed by Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. (Coulson). I live less than 0.5 miles to the Kirtright Pit properties, owned by Randy Kirtright and by Linda O'Brien, and less than 0.25 mile (and within a direct line of sight) to the Stroh Pit property owned by the Coulson family. Although this amendment addresses the Kirtright Pit, Coulson has tied the fate of the Kirtright and Stroh Pits together and therefore all residents of this community have the potential to be impacted by this project.

Larimer County approved the Stroh Pit Use by Special Review permit over the objections of the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods. But it has since come to our attention that the Stroh Pit USR application was based on, perhaps, misleading information regarding Coulson's right to use the Kirtright Pit property for the processing and storage of Stroh materials. It is our understanding that Linda O'Brien has not given Coulson permission to use her land. Further, in order to use the Kirtright Pit for the Stroh Pit operation Coulson now claims they need Stroh Pit soil to reclaim Kirtright Pit. This pushes the Kirtright reclamation out another seven years – the same time frame given to mine and reclaim the Stroh Pit. Note that the Kirtright Pit mining ended sixteen years ago.

If the Kirtright Pit is an example, Coulson has not successfully demonstrated good faith to operate within the standards and conditions set by DRMS and Larimer County. The DRMS calls this a reclamation permit, but I do not believe that is Coulson's intention.

I ask that this amendment be denied and that Coulson be required to complete the Kirtright Pit reclamation now and without regard to the Stroh Pit.

Sincerely,
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