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Mr. Wally Erikson
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Re: Opposition to the Proposed Uncompahgre Pit (Permit File No. M-2013-007)

Dear Mr. Erikson:

My biggest objection to the proposed Uncompahgre Pit (File # M-2013-007) is the destruction of the natural landscape, which will eventually be visible from Highway 550. This road is the main artery running south out of Montrose, through the greenbelt of the valley.

Years ago the first business that travelers and tourists would see on the south side of Montrose was a car parts junk yard - not a good first impression. Gravel pits do not make a good first impression either, particularly one of this size.

For the people who live along T Road this proposed gravel pit is their worst nightmare. Big trucks up and down the road all day long, their lives will never be the same.

With all the current gravel pits in the immediate area, we do not need another one. We certainly do not need a pit of this size, and definitely not in the midst of the most scenic and most visible land in the valley.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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