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RE: Comments to a 112c Application, Uncompahgre Pit, File No. M-2013-007

Dear Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Lewicki:

As of April 15, 2013, the Division has received comments to the above referenced permit application from the following parties and/or interested persons:

Letters of Objection:

1. Janice Wheeler, dated February 25, 2013, received March 6, 2013
2. Susan J. Hansen, dated March 27, 2013, received March 29, 2013
3. Dr. Joseph J. and Mary A. Scuderi, dated March 28, 2013, received March 29, 2013
4. Gene and Carolyn Kliethermes, dated March 30, 2013, received April 1, 2013
5. Robert G. & Joan D. Hooper, dated April 8, 2013, received April 9, 2013
6. Dennis Schultz, dated April 7, 2013, received April 10, 2013
7. Barbara Bernhardt, dated April 7, 2013, received April 10, 2013
8. Lester & Kathleen Stigall, dated April 8, 2013, received April 11, 2013
9. Carter & Stacy Trask, dated April 12, 2013, received April 15, 2013

Letter of Support:

10. Al & Vicki Becker, dated April 2, 2013

Commenting Agency:

11. History Colorado, SHPO, dated March 8, 2013, received March 12, 2013

Copies of the written comments from Ms. Wheeler, Ms. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Scuderi, Mr. and Mrs. Kliethermes, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, Mr. Schultz, Ms Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Becker and SHPO were forwarded previously. Please find enclosed copies of the written comments from Mr. and Mrs. Stigall, and Mr. and Mrs. Trask. Please inform the Division how the Applicant intends to address the jurisdictional issues raised by the timely comments.

Please contact me at the Division's office in Durango at 691 County Road 233, Suite A-2, Durango, CO 81301, phone (970) 247-5469, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Wallace H. Erickson
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Comment letters 8 and 9, as listed above

ec w/enclosure: Greg Lewicki, Greg Lewicki and Associates
 Russ Means, DRMS GJFO

April 8, 2013

Application of Reference: M-2013-007 Rocky Mountain Aggregate & Const LLC
Uncompagre Grand Pit

Dear Sir,

This letter is in regard to the above Reference.

I'm sure you are familiar where this proposal is located. Possibly the Board in Denver is not familiar with it.

This area is introduction of seeing the growing up to the San Juan Mountains.

Most people that have moved here in the past ten years was because of the beauty of this area.

We are a retired couple from the Denver area, loving the mountains but never dreaming living here.

Having a business located in Englewood, Co. for 20 years afforded us to move to Montrose.

Our custom built home is in a hayfield that my husband enjoys irrigating bring back childhood farming memories.

The property this proposal, grand pit is perpendicular from our home and 10 acres.

The truck road from 550 on T road going up to the pit will be less than a quarter mile away from our home. The road will be cut into the Mesa and an "eye sore" to what we see now "tree covered Mesa. The smells and dust from Asphalt and concrete production will take away the air that we moved here for.

My husband has C.O.P.D. and is "crazy" at night.

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The Rocky Mtn Aggregate Co. that own this property
have two other gravel pit sites south of us that is
not hindering anyone's homes - and does not produce
concrete and asphalt. Why do they have to do that here?

It will be a detrimental sight to see from 530 Hwy.
on top of the mesa with the equipment they will need.

This is a retirement area of beautiful homes
and landscaped yards and gardens and agriculture too.
It would make potential residents think that
the "City Fathers" have no regard for what draws
people to this area and owners of this plan seems
to care less.

The legacy we thought we created
for our children will be gone.

Respectfully,

Leaster and Kathleen Stigall
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April 12, 2013

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Mr. Wally Erickson
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

We are writing in response to the proposed gravel pit located west of Highway 550 and T- road (File No. M-2013-007; Montrose County special use permit #SU-13-0004) filed by Rocky Mountain Aggregate. We respectfully solicit your support in our efforts to oppose this application because of the negative economic and environmental impact on surrounding residents and motor vehicle safety along Highway 550.

Economic shortfalls will come in the form of reduced new home construction and a lowering of current residential property values. These financial drawbacks will be a direct result of the environmental issues which are inherent in any such operation. Aggregate operations generate large amounts of dust and noise, loss of wildlife habitat, and create large decade long scars on the land. We feel an environmental impact study needs to be done prior to the approval of this permit. Do you know of anyone who wants to live near a gravel pit?

Vehicle safety is another concern for this heavily traveled portion of Highway 550. As we understand, this 250 acre operation may generate in excess of 100 additional vehicles accessing T-road. In the 14 years we have lived at our address we have seen four vehicle accidents at this intersection. They resulted from traffic failing to yield as homeowners were attempting to turn off of Highway 550. Increased heavy truck traffic may also lead to premature road wear and roadway hazards from loose gravel falling from trucks. Will highway 550 be widened, or a turning lane added? Will T-road be paved to reduce dust?

These issues have not been adequately discussed or resolved. Though there are numerous state and federal regulations regarding such sites we feel this location should not be developed with so many serious potential problems and close proximity to numerous homeowners. The homeowners living nearby moved to this area for the great quality of life. We take pride in our homes and the rural undeveloped nature of Montrose County. This special use permit does not appear to promote the best interest of the general public's health, safety and welfare.

Thank you for you time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Carter Trask



Stacy Trask

