

To whom it may concern.

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I am writing to you (representing myself, Mr. Eckburg, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Brookshire) regarding the Mining Pit Application submitted by Tara Sanders. Present details for this Application are fluid and some of the following information could and will change with time.

Throughout this document I will refer to "easement" which represents a "certain Agreement for Access sand utility Easement and Improvements". No mention is made regarding its' use for an industrial enterprise.

All of us share this easement which would be dominated by Tara Sanders to haul mined materials via a number of various sized trucks generally representing many years of service. Trucks will use this easement to haul mined materials from the pit onto CR 129.

I unfortunately do not know what exactly the most recent details of the Mining Application are! We are aware of three different versions:

- 1) Heard last fall that the Permit Application requested a 70,000 ton yearly extraction over a 200 day period each year for 10 years.
- 2) After receiving a copy of the January 31, 2022 correspondence from Tabetha Lynch, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, I called and we discussed the Mining Permit in question. They (the State of Colorado) were in ongoing discussion with Tara Sanders to work out a Permit which would zero in on the serious safety issues at the present mining site. To achieve that goal would possibly create some excess material which could be shipped. Main goal was safety and returning the landscape back to some normalcy. Tabetha Lynch also noted that there only interest concerned the mine and not the easement and the entry on CR 129.
- 3) Re. the Sanders Gravel Pit Level 2 Traffic studies. Living across the mining site on CR 129 I question most of the findings of this study which was performed on October 26, 2021 which is one of the least traffic density periods of the year. Adjustments were made but I still question its' validity. Am not an expert! I was most interested in the so-called "small gravel pit " information. I assume this was provided by Tara Sanders. It states that the small gravel pit will operate year around to provide 67,000 tons per year from FY 2022-2033..... 10/11 years. There will be two production phases...FY2022-2027 and 2028-2033.

Considering the three versions we are aware of we would like to know what the most recent permit request to the County entails which will concern us. Also, it intrigued me that the State would only address the mining site and some information from the County noted it would do the same. However, the County later indicated that they would get involved with the easement and entry onto CR 129 as needed.

Next how many trucks would visit the industrial mining site per day if we evaluate the 70,000 tons per year data over 200 days. Using an average of 12 Tons per truck equates as follows.

70,000 tons over 200 days equates to 350 tons per day. 350 tons per day equals to about 29 truckloads. Going in and out means that 58 trucks will be present on the easement at some time during the day, Assuming an 8 hour work day means that on the average there will be a truck on the easement every 8 minutes. No doubt this timeframe will vary significantly.

Last summer when the ~~MINING~~ pit was being operated the state of the easement was significantly negatively damaged (potholes). Also there is a waterline crossing the easement near the small pond on the northside providing water to the small ranch house and corals. Needless to say I assume that damage repairs would be the responsibility of the pit owner.

Considering what I have discussed so far there is nothing more important than "SAFETY"! We know that presently the easement is shared between property/home owners and the conservation ranch owner/personnel which "surrounds" the easement to the North, East and South. Home owners can come and go as they wish and ranch personnel use the easement daily for ranch activities to move cattle, make repairs and tend to the animals daily. Family members of the ranch owner hike, bike, ride horseback and use small vehicles between the upper Big Creek Parcel and the ranch headquarters. There is no doubt that considering the integration of the afore discussed truck traffic generated by a mining pit and the use by the home/property owners and ranch activities of the same easement could lend itself to "SERIOUS ACCIDENTS" resulting in "BODILY HARM or even FATALITIES". To minimize the possibility of such events occurring will require significant safety requirements. Simply speaking a "flag person" who may or not show up will not suffice. It appears that an acceptable avenue could be the presence of a sophisticated warning system which would be activated to warn the user that a truck is moving on the easement between the mining pit and the access onto CR 129. Like a traffic light system of some sorts. This must be "THE" minimum to provide a certain degree of safety to the daily users of this easement and it must be installed before mining can begin. I trust that you may know or have thought about other ways to achieve the above goal.

In summary the proposed shared use of the easement between home/property/ranch owners and an industrial enterprise like a mining pit is "SHOCKING"! The more I think about this intrusion of the industrial enterprise on an daily basis over a 10 year period I cannot help to realize that we the Home/Property owners will be "HELD HOSTAGE" for 10 YEARS. Not a pleasant thought.

Finally, my last concern is insurance. Scott Eckburg is an expert and am sure he will visit to discuss our requirements.

At last .... thank you for the opportunity to comment and your consideration.

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