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The Falkenburg Ranches are very concerned about the mining permit that the Stride Marble and Granite Company of Cheyenne has requested from the State Land Commission for the mining of rock.

The mining permit is adjacent to the County Road which is 8 miles of open range, and less than 100 yards from existing ranch buildings. The dust control and up-keep will need to be addressed as well as safety for the children and families going to school and work. The animals are at risk for dust pneumonia which can be deadly to say nothing of the loss of weight and stress.

This is critical mule deer habitat which has been set aside by Falkenburg Ranches since the mid eighties. Resident mule deer water in Wagonhound Creek and go to the mountain for cover while fawning and feeding. With the original ranch set-aside in place, the Wyoming Game and Fish selected those acres and adjacent private land for an involved and expensive aerial spraying program to improve the existing habitat in 2008.

Poison Lake road was in serious need of repair and with donated Falkenburg shale the entire length of Poison Lake road was resurfaced to Wagonhound Creek in 2011. The donation (325 thousand dollars) was intended for basic agriculture traffic. What happens to our nice road?

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The quarry location also jeopardize water quality of Wagonhound Creek with silt and muddy water during runoff events.

Confusion surround the thirty five year permit application Thirty five years is to long , eventually putting a sleeper hold on organizations responsible for policing Stride marble.

The following signatures are people and ranches immediately affected by this mining operation.

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