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May 2, 2012

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Land Quality Division
Herschler Building
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Proposed Shell Creek Pit Covering Approximately 320 Acres in Sections 15, 21 and 22, T52N, R83W, 6th P.M., Johnson County, Wyoming

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We have received a notice from Croell Redi-Mix, Inc., of Sundance, Wyoming, that it is proposing to obtain a mining permit from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for approximately 320 acres for what Croell calls the "Shell Creek Pit". The purpose of this letter is to register our objection to the proposed mining permit.

Our home is located at 188 Shell Creek Road, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834. Our home is near the proposed "Shell Creek Pit" and the proposed haul road goes quite near our home. Another company operated a much smaller gravel pit near the property upon which Croell proposes its mining operations. The other gravel mining operation has been closed and is still under reclamation. However, we are keenly aware of the serious problems that result to our home and family, as well as neighboring families, from nearby gravel operations.

The truck traffic from the Shell Creek Pit will be nearly intolerable. There are young children and livestock who are adversely impacted by truck traffic. Adults also suffer the effects of constant truck traffic in a rural residential area. The dust created by both the mining operation and the truck traffic will be significant. As well, the noise of the mining operation and truck traffic is a real problem. As a result of our experience with the previous small gravel pit, we witnessed many large trucks using jake-brakes to slow down near our home as early as 6:00 a.m.

The road leading to the proposed Shell Creek Pit drifts with snow in the wintertime and previous gravel operations have had a history of getting stuck in the road, a history of damaging adjacent irrigation facilities as they tried to clear the road and in damaging the road, especially in wet years.

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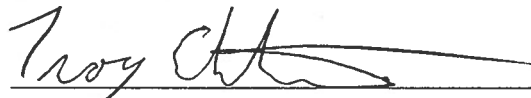
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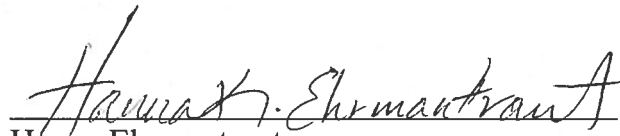
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We object to issuance of another gravel mining permit in this area, especially a gravel mining permit that may encompass as many as 320 acres. We ask that a mining permit not be issued, and certainly if any permit is ever issued, that it be conditioned such that the health, welfare and safety of persons adversely affected is properly considered and protected.

Very truly yours,



Troy Ehrmantraut



Hanna Ehrmantraut