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RE: Objecting to Seherr-Thoss Sand & Gravel Small Mine Permit

I am objecting to the issuance of the Seherr-Thoss Sand & Gravel Small Mine Permit. My name is Shannon Yarrow, and my family lives in the Meadows at Melody Ranch subdivision in Jackson Wyoming. My home is located on the farthest west street in the subdivision at 4325 Balsam Lane, Jackson, WY. Our street is the closest street to the Seherr-Thoss mine. I view the mining equipment from my home windows.

When we purchased our home in 2007, we understood that the mine existed in its current location, however, was limited to the 3 acre site that currently exists and that there were reasonable limitations on the amount of gravel that could be extracted.

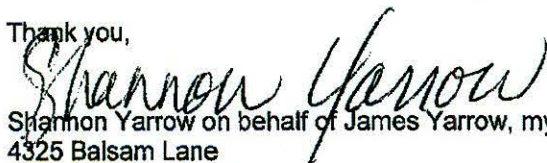
It is my understanding that the attorney representing the mine was able to convince the Department of Environmental Quality to allow the mine to expand to a 37 acre site and dramatically expand its mining operations. The permit was granted on the basis of misleading and incomplete information. The incorrect premise was that the permit would allow the property to be expanded within the scope of the local land use regulations. The permit is NOT in compliance with the local land use regulations. In fact, there is a Final District Court Judgment in place limiting the size and conditions of the gravel operation to a three-acre footprint and capping extraction levels at 17,000 tons per year.

I am concerned specifically about what the expansion of this mine size by 12 times its current size would do to the residents of Melody Ranch. The expansion of the mine would result in more truck traffic along South Park Loop Road. Our children cross South Park Loop Road to get to the bike path entrance, and many cyclists ride this portion of South Park Road on the street where the path comes to an end. More large truck traffic reduces our safety along this road. The expansion of the mine would result in significant dust pollution in our community, especially near my home and the Munger View Park where our children play. Additionally, the mine expansion would result in additional noise pollution to myself and the residents along my specific street. We already listen to the mining equipment pounding the gravel and sand during the day and I can only imagine what it would be like if it was 12 times larger in size.

Please do not allow for the Seherr-Thoss Sand and Gravel Small Mine to expand its operations under this permit while the company appeals the decision of the Teton County Board of Commissioners and the Teton County District Court through the court system.

I am not requesting that the legal mine operations be discontinued. We understood that the mine was there with a limited scope and use when we purchased our home in Melody Ranch. I'm asking that you not allow for expansion of the mining operations until the WY Supreme Court makes the larger decision about the future of this property. I would like to be included in the WQEC hearing process on this matter.

Thank you,



Shannon Yarrow on behalf of James Yarrow, myself and my two young children  
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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary  
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