

# Louisa Crosby

I request that the DEQ ensure that areas outside the permit area will not be impacted. I use these areas and you want to know in detail how the areas will be protected in the permit. How will the DEQ ensure that blasting and mining activity will not impact these recreation areas? What will happen to these walk in areas and how they will be replaced if they are removed from public use? Also - the permit incorrectly states that Sheridan County's Comprehensive Plan designates heavy industry to be near Acme as long as it is balanced with recreational objectives, such as the Kleenburn Recreation Area. Most of the area is zoned as agriculture but the permit incorrectly states that the location of the permit area meets the requirements of Sheridan County's future land use plan and goals. The permit incorrectly states that the area is away from developed communities and recreational areas. The permit area is not a pre-designated heavy industry development area. I believe the mining activity will cause damage to the alluvial valley floor and DEQ must prevent that damage. The mine permit fails to address the impacts to surface water rights and where that water will come from. Ramaco has not developed an adequate subsidence control plan for the mine permit area.

Please conduct a public hearing to address these concerns and to hear from the impacted public.