

James Aksamit

Mr. Edwards, I am James Aksamit, a third generation resident of Kleenburn, Wyoming. My residence is located in the Tongue River Valley and I am concerned about the lack of clarity that Ramaco has in its proposed Brook Mine Application.

Here are some of my concerns with this mine application:

The use of ground water to supplement lack of necessary surface water for adequate mine uses. This will impact local domestic and stock wells.

Blasting damage to home and ranch structures and foundations. Blasting can also change water table levels for domestic wells.

Increased traffic and its impact to public roads. If coal is to be moved to an offsite location then roads may have to be relocated to accommodate this. Who will maintain the new roads, County or Brook Mine, A mixture of public vehicles and mine coal hauling equipment on the same roads will create public safety concerns.

Alluvial valley floors must be protected. It is my understanding that a material damage assessment for the area adjacent to the permit boundary has not been done-this is the AVF along the Tongue River where most residences are.

Subsidence has a long history of being a problem in this area. AML and DEQ has done some reclamation projects in this area. This indicates this area needs a long term control plan for the mine life to control this type of problem.

Two Sheridan County Walk in Areas (WIA 1 and WAI 6) that provide hunting and recreational activities will become unavailable to the public.

These concerns or those that others have, need to be addressed at a public hearing.

Thank you, James and Bonnie Aksamit