

# Pam Marks

Dear Members of the Wyoming DEQ:

I am greatly disturbed by your recent acceptance of a revised coal mine permit adjacent to the Kleenburn Recreation Area. Walking around the ponds and along the beautiful Tongue River in the Kleenburn area years ago was what caused me to fall in love with this area and decide to make it my home. My husband and I have also enjoyed, over the years, walking and hunting in the nearby walk-in areas. Last summer, I had the privilege of accompanying a group of delighted Science Kids around the ponds for several hours of insect collecting, some of whom were from low income families with rare opportunities to experience nature.

An easily accessed area which retains its natural beauty, is peaceful and quiet is a gem which should not be disturbed. Blasting and mining in this area would be a travesty! I would like to know the details of how these areas will be protected. The permit states that the mining area is away from recreational areas and developed communities. THIS IS NOT TRUE. The permit area is not a pre-designated heavy industry development area.

Additionally, I believe that the mining activity will cause damage to the alluvial valley floor. DEQ must prevent that damage.

It is my understanding that the majority of the mine's water will come from surface water rights but the permit does not state where that water will come from nor does it address the resulting impacts.

It is vital to have a subsidence control plan due to the area's history of cave-ins. Ramaco is failing in this capacity, as well.

These issues need to be addressed in a public hearing! Please take the necessary time to listen to people's legitimate and heartfelt concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Pam Marks