

September 4, 2024

Administrator of the Land Quality Division Department of Environmental Quality 200 W. 17th Street Suite 10 Cheyenne, WY 82002

In re: Evans Construction Mining Permit Application in Bondurant, Wyoming

Dear Sirs:

We are the managers and owners of JLC Wyoming, LLC, which owns and operates the Little Jennie Ranch located in Bondurant, Wyoming as well as the Hamlin Cattle Company, LLC which runs a cattle operation and the outfitter business on the Little Jennie Ranch property. We write to object to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality granting approval of the Evans Construction mining permit application in the above referenced matter.

As adjacent cattle ranch owners and operators to the Evans Construction site, we have substantial concerns about the impact of the proposed expansion of the mining permit (primarily a substantial expansion of the Evans Construction gravel pit.) The gravel pit has heretofore hardly ever operated, perhaps even beneath the minimum requisite number annual of days to operate necessary to keep the permit in force.

However, the proposed expansion raises serious concerns about the environmental impact on the Little Jennie Ranch, its cattle operations, and outfitter business particularly surrounding its impact on water issues affecting our property, which are crucial to Little Jennie Ranch, the cattle operations, and the outfitter business. Other issues may include dust and air quality as well as noise and other nuisances associated with operation of an expanded gravel pit.

In addition to the obvious direct impacts of the proposed expansion on our ranch and cattle operations, the proposed expansion will also almost assuredly negatively impact the Bondurant community at large and the vital Snake River fisheries dependent upon Dell Creek's waters. We believe the application for the expanded mining permit has fallen well short of addressing these

and other impacts on the Evans Construction and surrounding properties. Until these issues can be adequately addressed, on behalf of JLC Wyoming, LLC and Hamlin Cattle Company, LLC, we object to the issuance of the expanded mining permit as well as to the process Evans Construction has gone about in seeking State of Wyoming approval.

Gentlemen, I have vast experience in going about approvals for projects impacting communities both large and small. I know how this is best accomplished. It is not effectively accomplished without talking to those impacted prior to submittal of a proposal so offensive as this one is to ours, or any other, small community.

We look forward to the opportunity to represent our own interests as well as those of many others in the Bondurant, Wyoming community at the to-be-scheduled public hearing. Please provide us with proper notice at the above address, our place of business, with a copy to Clint Langer, Esq., Davis and Cannon LPA's, P.O. Box 728 Sheridan, Wyoming, 82801.

Thank you,

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