

Lee Anne Briscoe

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Administrator of the Land Quality
Division of the Department of Environmental Quality

RE: Mining Permit Application #588ET.DEQ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Lee Anne Briscoe, a resident of Fresno, CA. I am the owner of record of the property located at 14465 US Hwy 189 & 191, Bondurant, Wyoming.

This letter will serve as my Official Objection to the issuing of this mining permit.

This property was purchased by my grandparents in 1957, and is now enjoyed by their grandchildren and great grandchildren. My grandparents dreamed of taking in the splendor and beauty of the Gros Ventre Mountain Range from the porch of their little cabin in Bondurant. Unfortunately that never happened for them. This third generation of family ownership however is determined to make that dream a reality while also being a good steward of their love of Wyoming and their commitment to maintain the beauty and natural wilderness of this rustic land.

To say I was dismayed by the receipt of the Public Notice announcing the Evans Construction request for a "small mining permit" in our area is an understatement. Wanting to eventually expand their current situation to encompass 40 acres does not constitute Small in my definition.

My feedback may seem insignificant by the Administrator of the Land Quality, Division of the Department of Environmental Quality, but I am not in favor of a gravel pit operating in this location for the next 20 plus years. I could drone on and on about the expanded operations overall dirt and dust; heightened noise from semi-tractor/trailers and large operating equipment; increased traffic with increased safety issues, increased traffic congestion, and debris dispersed along the highways; consequences to Dell Creek and the Hoback River; loss of local flora and fauna; impact to not only local cattle, horses and other farm life, but wildlife of the area as well. And what about the people – the people who support these communities every day, people who have second homes or tourists that come to Wyoming for its beauty and nature, outdoor recreation, low cost of living, and unique history.

Do any of us really know what the impact this project may have on the value of the land, the consequence to the rivers or the local economy? I do believe it would be an eye sore, stripping the land of natural growth, which most surely would create a cascading effect of problems. Although it is difficult to predict, if this is approved, then what happens next? I would like to see Bondurant move in a different, more positive direction with the preservation of our state's natural beauty and majesty as a guideline.

Thank you,

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