

# DEBORAH AND JON DAWSON

August 28, 2024

I am writing as the managing member of DFR LLC. (all members are immediate family), which owns the Dell Fork Ranch which extensively abuts the mine proposed by Evan Construction Company.

I have attached a picture of a major spring creek which runs at the western edge of the proposed mine at the very bottom of the current hillside. It is a critical agricultural water source. The picture was taken in August of this year (after another dry, hot summer) and shows a healthy flowing stream. The Campbell Cattle Company has sent a letter stating the importance of this stream for their operations. They have hayed that pasture every year for the past three decades in late July/early August. That spring creek is a critical source of water for that pasture as well as for the Campbells cattle, which at times are pastured there in the fall.

It flows directly into Dell Creek and is the property line between the Evans property and the Dell Fork Ranch. The application blatantly states that there is no issue with Dell Creek. Given the magnitude of the proposed project, and it's the twenty-year length that is a real stretch of the imagination. This opinion will be reinforced by a filing from Alder Environmental which supervised the stream work we did on Dell Creek in 2015 under a permit through the Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed scope and length of this application if granted represents a real potential major ecological risk to Dell Creek and the greater Hoback ecosystem.

On another matter, the proposed scope has no protection consideration of the road/driveway from Dell Creek Rd. into our home. We will be faced with an average 45-foot cliff on the western side of the road, and the excavation proposed will inevitably destabilize the roadbed. There should be some setback.

Finally, in our thirty-year presence in Wyoming, we have always been impressed with the professionalism, fairness and courtesy expended to us by state and county employees. However, the process in notifying those affected by the potential expansion of the Evans operation and the availability of information has been deeply flawed. The notice was sent out by Sunrise Engineering of Afton, WY. No telephone number or email information was provided. Our copy arrived by regular mail after two of the publish dates had expired and, nowhere was the permit application posted or referenced in the notice. Sunrise refused our request for a copy of the application. So, my wife (79 Years old) and I (aged 80) had to travel to the County Clerk's office in Pinedale with our own copy machine to obtain a complete copy of the application. Many of the residents in Bondurant were completely

68 DELL CREEK  
BONDURANT, WY 82922  
307-739-9142

unaware of what was happening and its scope. This does not meet the commonsense test for fairness.

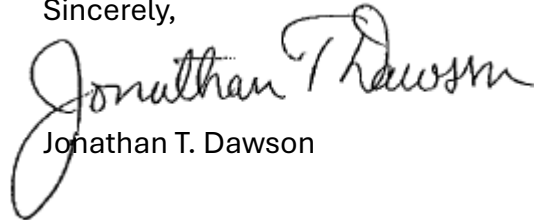


68 DELL CREEK  
BONDURANT, WY 82922  
307-739-9142

The remaining items I include so that they have standing should we have to continue our objection with Sublette County.

- 1) The application papers state that there were no threats to nesting raptors or endangered species. I have attached a picture of an eagle on the fence post of one of our pastures which is less than 200 yards from the proposed mine. His nest is approximately 300 yards from this picture. Also, for over the past decade we have had Rufous hummingbirds every year on our property during the breeding season. Finally, the proposed bench is on the migration path of the pronghorns.
- 2) The Evans plan proposes two home sites. This will not be in compliance with current zoning.
- 3) Also, the inclusion of a possible asphalt batching plant qualifies this to be an industrial site which is also not in compliance with the current zoning.
- 4) The county owns a gravel pit less than a mile to the north. That location is much less of a threat to the water system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan T. Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jonathan T. Dawson