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To the Wyoming DEQ,

Please deny the Evans Construction permit application for an extension of the very small gravel pit operation for the following reasons among others:

1) Very little public awareness of this application and its impact. To my knowledge only neighbors within close proximity of the proposed plant received notification. The amount of information provided to them was extremely inadequate and difficult to obtain. This impacts the entire northern Sublette County, and in particular the Hoback river valley which is a significant part of the Bondurant area. People and organizations, including Sublette County governmental entities were not made aware of this application. This is a major project for this area and the community and deserves full consideration by all, not just the close neighbors.

2) Certain significant harm to fish and wildlife in the area. This plant is situated on the confluence of Dell and Jack Creeks with the Hoback River. No information about any studies to determine the extent of this harm is available to the public. An asphalt and concrete batch plant will undeniably produce significant waste discharge into these waters. The area is frequented by mule deer and antelope herds which will be definitely disturbed by the increased noise and traffic generated by this project.

3) Considerable negative impact on air quality. This valley already has fragile air quality. Natural fog frequently hangs in the valley. Its quality is exacerbated by any dust, auto emissions and smoke present. This new project will certainly have a deleterious impact on air quality which has not been studied to my knowledge.

4) Negative impact on the neighbors and the Bondurant community. This is a small residential and agriculturally oriented community. The original family gravel pit has provided minimal disruption. The disruptive impact of a much larger commercial operation is certain and its placement is inappropriate to the social and cultural makeup of the Bondurant community.

For these reasons, the DEQ should deny this application.