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Comments: Dear Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed gravel pit operation in the area. As a resident of San Juan River village and Pagosa Springs, I have several concerns that I would like to bring to your attention.

First and foremost, the gravel pit operation poses a significant threat to forest visitor and traffic safety. The increased truck traffic on Jackson Mountain Road, especially during peak tourist season, is a major cause for concern. This not only puts visitors at risk but also the local wildlife and vegetation.

Secondly, the dust and air pollution from the gravel pit operation will have a detrimental impact on the health of humans, as well as flora and fauna in the area. The close proximity of the pit to San Juan River Village only exacerbates this concern.

Additionally, the constant noise pollution from the heavy machinery and dump trucks will disturb the peace and tranquility of the surrounding area. This will have a negative impact on the quality of life for wildlife, residents, and tourists alike.

Finally, the frequency of dump trucks on Jackson Mountain Road every 24 minutes, Monday to Friday from April to November, is unacceptable. This will disrupt the flow of traffic and cause significant congestion and safety issues on the road.

In conclusion, I implore you to reconsider the plans for the gravel pit operation. The potential risks to forest wildlife, visitor, and traffic safety, dust and health of humans, as well as flora & fauna, close proximity to San Juan River Village, and noise pollution, are too great to ignore.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Trina Maurer