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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I am deeply saddened and angered to learn that the USFS would even consider placing a gravel pit so close to a residential neighborhood, in the middle of a growing recreational area that even your own organization wants to build upon. This is short-sighted and ill-considered for multiple reasons, the chief amongst them being the health of the residents.

No plan has been put forward to control the dust generated by such facility, which poses a significant health risk to residents and occupants of the neighborhood. The aquifer that feeds this neighborhood, and the protected stream that is downhill from this proposed pit, will become contaminated. The noise, and safety hazards caused by the large amount of trucks transiting very close to the highway and neighborhood, are also hazardous to the health of the neighborhood.

Has any sort of noise pollution study been ordered? How about environmental impact? How about dust mitigation? How about waste water and runoff? Wildlife habitat impact? The list of unanswered questions is astounding. A project of this size and adverse impact anywhere else would have begun these studies already and would have submitted them to those whose life and livelihoods would have been affected, and yet we have not seen anything submitted yet. I suspect we have not seen anything because those who stand to profit by ruining our standard of living are afraid of what those studies would show.

This is a poorly conceived project location that will drastically impact the community of San Juan River Village and the entire surrounding area, and I urge you to reconsider the location of this project.

Respectfully,
Raleigh Worcester