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Comments: I'm writing in to offer my strong objection to the gravel pit off Jackson Mountain near the San Juan River Village. My house is there and I believe the forest service is being irresponsible putting a mining operation so close to families and homes. That stretch of the highway has always made me feel nervous with people turning into our neighborhood while everyone else wants to drive at 65 miles an hour. And knowing that we are going to have to potentially navigate 20+ large trucks carrying thousands of pounds of rock, makes that part of the highway even more stressful and possibly dangerous. Putting a mining operation between town and our ski mountain is foolish, the amount of recreational traffic on that stretch of road is too high to add to it all those large truck loads. We are also looking forward to having the new biking system added to Jackson, so again the community will have recreational reasons to be up Jackson and do not need the traffic nightmare of dozens of trucks per day wearing out the roads going up the mountain.

If the Forest Service is allowed to do this mining at this location it will hurt our neighborhood, it will be dangerous for diving in and out of our neighborhood, it will hurt the people of Pagosa who come up to Jackson mountain and Wolf Creek for recreation, all the while knowing there are other locations able to suit the needs of gravel mining in places much less apt for causing potential harm.

Please make them move the mining pit elsewhere.

Thank you.