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Comments: I am in opposition to the proposed gravel pit. My family and I are often hiking and mountain biking in the proposed area. It is very close to our home and we spend lots of hours in the area on a regular basis. The proposed gravel pit would completely disrupt the pristine nature of the area and cause significant disruption in our outdoor activities. The trucks would pose a danger to us during hiking and mountain biking. The noise, traffic, related pollution, and dust would cause a significant degradation of the habitat and natural surroundings. A collateral damage would be to the value of our homes in the area. Additionally the significant increase to traffic on hwy 160, there would be an increase in disruption and danger to anyone travelling between Wolf Creek Pass and Pagosa. The area where hwy 160 intersects the forest service access to the gravel pit would be a very dangerous intersection and increase traffic accidents and congestion. The proposed site would turn a main tourist area into an industrial construction zone making it unattractive and hazardous to Pagosa tourists. This would cause an overall decrease in income to Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.