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Comments: I'm a resident of the San Juan River Village and frequent Jackson Mountain year round for recreational pursuits and solitude. It's great having the National Forest so close. It hasn't been so great experiencing the disruptions of the forest thinning and fire mitigation work which have, for the short-term, drastically altered the wildlife present and overall aesthetics of Jackson Mountain. During that work I was nearly run off the road more than once while gravel grinding on my bike by large logging trucks cutting corners. Enough of my preamble.

Jackson Mountain and associated forest roads should not be used for gravel mining. Real concerns will emerge as I stated above with large trucks competing with bikers on the road. But there are numerous reasons another site should be used verses Jackson Mountain as follows:

- There are other options gravel mining locations which need to be evaluated and to my understanding have not to date.
- Forest visitor and traffic safety issues with gravel transport on forest roads.
- Dump trucks on Jackson Mtn road every 24 minutes M-F from April to November. This will be a huge NEGATIVE impact on our neighborhood!
- Highway 160 hazards with increased heavy truck traffic not only at the Hwy. 160 access intersection to Jackson Mountain (which has a safety issue with limited site distance both toward town and the pass) but increased traffic at both entrance/exit locations for the San Juan River Village (SJRV) neighborhood.
- 44% of the homes in the SJRV are short-term rentals (STR's). These out-of-towners barely follow our current traffic speed limits and regulations and will be in an unfamiliar environment with increased Hwy 160 truck traffic.
- Geological impacts from mining have not been considered in an area where slumping of slopes has occurred (i.e. gas line on Hwy 160 slumped which is nearby). Houses in San Juan River Village (SJRV) could be impacted with close proximity (1900 feet) of mine
- Potential human health issues from dust'
- Noise and traffic disruptions to quality of life for SJRV residents
- Negative impacts/disruptions to wildlife
- The combination of mountain bike trails used by locals, tourists, children and our own local DUST2 riding club for youth are not a good combination sharing the forest roads and essentially the forest itself with a mining operation. That's pretty much a no-brainer bad combination.

I fully emphathize with the need for gravel with the hundreds of miles of county and forest roads we have. But please find another option that doesn't put a gravel pit in the middle of our wonderful Jackson Mountain forest and close to our San Juan Village neighborhood.