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Comments: Hello,

I am deeply concerned about the gravel pit that is being pushed on our community. It will create an unhealthy amount of dust and noise that we, the residents and owners of the neighborhood, will have to endure. Our houses will be worth less, and our quality of life will suffer. Also, when it rains or the snow melts, what happens to the water? Will it carry poisonous toxins into our drinking water that comes from underneath this pit, or will it run off into the San Juan river and further pollute the fish there? How about the massive amount of trucks that will be entering and exiting the two-lane highway that runs through our neighborhood? What about the plants and animal habitat that will be destroyed, both physically and by pushing the animals farther away due to the constant noise and dust?

I would have thought the Forest Service, of all people, would try to protect the forest and the enjoyment of it by the community and guests. If this project is needed, why would you ever think to put it so close to a large upgraded mountain bike trail system that your organization is installing (which I and my neighborhood support) instead of much farther up or down the road?

I do not think that the required EPA and environmental impact studies have been accomplished correctly, because if they had I don't think we would be discussing placing the pit on Jackson Mountain in addition to all the other hazards and degradations of our neighborhood and the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Sarah Payne