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Comments: As a full time resident of San Juan River Village, my family and I are vehemently against the proposed gravel pit development on Jackson Mountain. There are multiple reasons, but first and foremost is the safety issue along the section of Hwy 160 through SJRV to Jackson Mountain Road to be directly impacted by the gravel pit operations. Hwy 160 is a main artery into our town! I witness daily a vast amount of speeding traffic, semi trailer trucks and emergency response vehicles on this section of Hwy 160. \*All emergency response vehicles headed to and from Wolf Creek pass speed by directly in front of our home and the SJRV subdivision. I do not have statistics on how often they respond to calls on Wolf Creek pass and this area, but my observation is its a weekly occurrence, more often if roads are impacted by weather. We have personally responded ourselves to accidents directly in front of our subdivision to help those involved on more than one occasion. My point is the proposed amount of gravel trucks turning in and out of Jackson Mountain road in this exact section would be a huge hinderance and safety concern for all drivers, but especially Pagosa's emergency response vehicles. This should concern all who use this road to and from Pagosa Springs. If you didn't live right where I live, you may not be aware of the huge amount of speeding vehicles using this highway. Multitudes of 18 wheelers that bring supplies to our town travel this exact route. Our EMS, sheriff, police and firefighters need to MOVE FAST along this section in order to respond, do their job and potentially save lives. Adding many large, turning gravel trucks is sure to slow down response times to those needing help along Hwy 160 and likely cause more accidents.

Secondly, is the disruption of the tranquil nature of our subdivision and neighboring Jackson Mountain. There are good reasons Jackson Mountain was selected for a biking trail system. Jackson Mountain is extremely popular for hikers, bikers, horse-riders and campers. It should be protected at all costs as a valuable gift belonging to Pagosa Springs. Thirdly, the detrimental effects to our air quality from the gravel dust which will force those with respiratory issues to relocate. Lastly, our property values will go down and no homeowner needs this during our current economy troubles especially.

Please consider the concerns of residents of San Juan River Village who protect, love and live in this area. We request time to find a location for the needed gravel pit in another section further away from Hwy 160. We built a life here because of the quality of life here and it does not make good sense to ruin something so wonderful and endanger lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.