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Comments: I am in strongly opposition to the gravel mine as part of the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project. The gravel pit being located so close to homes in San Juan River Village poses a health risk to the residents. The risk coming from exposure to dust and crystalline silica puts current residents in harms way. Several residents have already stated they will have to move if the mine is included due to breathing issues. For the same reason it also presents risks to those who will hike and ride on the new mountain bike trails.

The proposed mine also presents a safety risk to drivers on Hwy 160. The USFS seems to be so excited about the fact that 25,000lb dump trucks will be making a right hand turn onto the highway. If there is going to be a dump truck every 24 minutes from May - November there will be countless wrecks and some of them will be deadly. These trucks will not be able to get up to the speed limit in this area for very quickly, which will require motorist to slow down to allow them onto the highway. The USFS must pay for and factor in the cost of widening the road for the dump trucks.

The mine will greatly reduce the quality of life and recreation for those living in San Juan River Village and for the general public living in the Pagosa Springs area. The will change Jackson Mountain forever. Mining, crushing stone and truck activity will replace what is currently a beautiful place to enjoy nature to an industrial site. This site will destroy pristine meadows and increase noise to the level that wildlife will flee the area.

How can the USFS support such a mine when so many people are negatively affected?