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Comments: My wife and I own a cabin on Elk Ridge Place within the San Juan River Village. The cabin is located on the west side of highway 160, very close to the proposed gravel pit. The county can and should find other locations for its gravel pit that do not create noise, dust, health and safety concerns that a gravel pit will create. Jackson Mountain is ideal for development of more trails for hiking and other outdoor activities. The machinery and equipment and heavy vehicles that will be traveling up and down the mountain will destroy the serenity of present homeowners in the area. It will cause traffic issues and accidents that will undoubtedly result from large heavy vehicles coming and going up and down the mountain via Highway 160.

One of the most significant reasons to dent a gravel pit in fact relates to Highway 160. Very few vehicles currently traveling on Highway 160, including huge semi-trucks, obey the speed limit. Huge dump trucks associated with the gravel pit turning onto or off of the dirt road leading to the pit will inevitably result in collisions that will be serious and fatal. Home owners property values will also drop considerably as a result of noise and dust.

There are undoubtedly other areas the county could locate to create and conduct a gravel pit operation. The National Forest Service's plan for hiking trails and other plans related to the trails is a great idea consistent with Jackson Mountain. The gravel pit on Jackson Mountain should be denied!! Tell the county to go elsewhere.