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Comments: While, I fully support the development of a recreational trail system, along with fuels and vegetation management, I am strongly opposed to the construction and operation of a gravel pit in the Jackson Mountain area.

As a full-time homeowner in San Juan River village, I have several questions and concerns regarding the proposed gravel operation that would be only \$650 yards from our homes.

First, what will this operation do to the air quality, noise quality, and to the watershed serving this pristine area? I feel that drainage issues will negatively impact vegetation and wildlife in this area.

Secondly, I am very concerned about the safety on our roads. There will be a monumental increase in heavy truck traffic on this steep, hairpin, and already dangerous section of Highway 160. How will the proposed gravel operation on Jackson Mountain not create access and safety issues for the only east/west highway artery in southern Colorado?

And, finally, I am very interested to understand how fire danger, and the electrical, diesel, and water supplies, that would go along with the daily operations of this gravel pit, be overseen with due diligence?

Historically, there have been 47 other sites recommended for gravel operations in Archuleta county. As a long time resident, and user of this Jackson Mountain area, I am asking that the proposed gravel operation be discontinued, and a more thoroughly research site be recommended.