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Comments: I am writing to express serious concern about the planned gravel pit on Jackson mountain.

First, the process through which the mine has been added to the overall landscaping project seems intentionally opaque, rushed, and not fully utilizing previously available resources that have identified better locations.

Second, as a local resident, I am concerned about the environmental and safety implications of the mine. This is very close (~650 yards) to a neighborhood with lots of year round resident families who have settled here to enjoy the quiet, clean air and forest access for recreation. I will definitely have noise impacts at my house and much of this neighborhood. I walk through Jackson mountain with my family and dog frequently; will we now be navigating through an industrial site? Is my family going to be exposed to toxic byproducts from the mining operation? It's too close.

It's simply not a good choice to have this mine here. To move forward without a complete environment impact assessment seems wrong - another example of the process being incorrectly applied.

Some questions I would like to see answered:

- how will the county ensure residents that their peace and safety is not adversely impacted?
- what will the impact be on 160 of a steady train of industrial trucks? The highway is already quite dangerous
- who thinks adding a gravel pit to a network of hiking and bike trails is a good idea and why?
- how seriously has the county considered the multitude of other sites previously identified as better than jackson mtn?
- jackson mtn has a lot of diverse wildlife, notably a healthy population of bears. How will the gravel pit impact their environment and access to water and food?
- is it a good idea to have mtn biking centric park share access roads with industrial trucks and machinery?
- where would the mine get its diesel, electricity, water etc from? This is a major industrial undertaking.
- what kind of precedent is being set when years running public / private collaboration to build the trail network is upended in the homestretch by inserting projects with clearly contradictory visions?

Thank you for considering my concerns.