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Comments: Hello, my wife and I with our three kids live off of Miller Creek Road and will be greatly impacted by the proposed route for RER's mine site using Miller Creek Road.

I am also Co-Outfitter of Seven J Outfitters and plan on owning and operating this business my entire career.

The proposed route of Miller Creek Road will not only affect my personal property but it has an even stronger impact on my way of making a living.

Smith Lodge and all of its barns and outbuildings sit within 200 yards of Miller Creek Road. The main lodge that ALL of our guests stay at sits 70 yards from the road. Our Corrals and tack barn, where we take all of our trails rides out of, sits 60 yards off this road.

Imagine the disappointment our guests will feel when they come here to get away from the cities and they have to look at and listen to haul trucks driving up and down our once quiet valley. If you don't think this is going to affect our business, you are wrong.

We lease property along Miller Creek Road, not only for hunting but we take our trail riders throughout this property. We also cross Miller Creek Road to ride up into our forest lease trails in the Bearlodge National Forrest. Think about an entire string of horses with riders trying to cross Miller Creek Road and a loaded down haul truck flying up on them. This is a recipe for disaster!

The amount that all this truck traffic is going to devalue our property and our business is going to be astronomical.

The route coming off Warren Peak Road will not impact as many livelihoods or reduce property and business value nearly as much. That road was already very well built and could handle the trucks very well.

Just to be clear, I am not against the mine coming into our area. I hope RER and all of its interests and employees make a lot of money. My one ask is to PLEASE use the Warren Peak route so us Miller Creek residents and business owners can still have the life that we came here to have.

Thanks for acknowledging my concerns.