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COMMENTS ON APPLICATION BY THE EGG LAKE QUARRY FOR INCLUSION IN THE
MINERAL RESOURCES LANDS OVERLAY

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To San Juan County Planning Commission:

As neighbors of the Egg Lake Quarry, we are opposed to the expansion of the Quarry's activity as it pertains to the Quarry's application for inclusion in the Mineral Resources Lands Overlay (MRLO). The current level of quarrying generates a lot of noise and air pollution (dust/particulates) that impact the surrounding residential and recreational areas. Affected are dozens of homes in communities developed over the past several decades since the Quarry was initially established. Also affected are the popular public recreational sites of Egg Lake and Sportsman's Lake, both obviously wetlands subject to legal environmental protection. Besides the considerable noise from the Quarry's day-to-day mining operations, there is also occasional blasting—earth-shattering explosions given without warning the neighbors. On some weekends, the quarry is used for discharging firearms, noise which can be especially troubling to swimmers and other public users at Egg Lake.

It's apparent that the Egg Lake Quarry's mining has recently expanded beyond the boundaries of the quarry property (parcel 363244001000) and into two residential lots in Eagle Crest subdivision now owned by Myron Williams (parcels 364250023000 and 363250024000). This can be seen on aerial photos posted on the County's Polaris website. Is this mining activity on the two residential lots fully permitted by the County? The County did not seek public input on this expansion. All three parcels are included in the Quarry's application for inclusion in the MRLO. Is inclusion of the two residential parcels allowable when these parcels are not permitted for mining and other industrial use?

We are opposed to including Egg Lake Quarry, together with the two residential parcels, in the MRLO, because doing so will shield the Quarry from public input regarding any current and future disturbances. What more will happen at this

quarry when the neighbors have no recourse for complaint, because of the protective provisions of the MRLO? In closing we hope the County will deny the request for inclusion of Egg Lake Quarry in the MRLO.

Sincerely yours,

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