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To Whom It May Concern,

We are the owners of land in Eagle Crest, 612 Miller Rd., Lot 29, tax plot #363250029000. We have the following questions concerning the MRLO for the Egg Lake Quarry:

- San Juan County Code (SJCC) section 18.35.015 states that an MRLO district can be applied for provided it is not “within a regulated wetland or fish and wildlife conservation area pursuant to SJCC [18.35.085](#) through [18.35.140](#)”. A wetland area is mapped immediately east of parcel # 363244001000, has a wetland study been completed for the proposed mining areas?
- SJCC section 18.35.085 states: “Unless exempted or allowed under SJCC [18.35.020](#) through [18.35.050](#), the provisions of this section apply to areas in or within 300 feet of wetlands as defined in SJCC [18.20.230](#).” Does the 300 feet apply to parcel # 363244001000 with respect to SJCC 18.35.015?
- SJCC section 18.35.045.C. (Critical areas – Existing legally established structures, uses, and activities) states “Uses and activities may be continued, replaced with other uses or activities, or relocated, provided, any required project or development permits are obtained, and there is no increase in the magnitude of adverse impacts to water quality or the functions and values of critical areas. Relocation of any use or activity in this area shall be reviewed as a provisional use.” Mapping indicates parcel # 363244001000 contains slopes steeper than 50%, slopes steeper than 80%, soils with subclass ‘e’, and is immediately adjacent to a wetland area, have the potential magnitude of adverse impacts to these critical areas been evaluated?
- Will the mining activities expand beyond current mining operations? Will additional vegetation be removed beyond existing conditions?
 - Does a geotechnical report need to be prepared to evaluate this? Has one been prepared?
- It was stated by Rian Skov with Washington Department of Natural Resources that the existing mining operation was excavated 70 feet deep rather than the permitted 60 feet deep.
 - Have the slopes exceeded the allowable 0.5H:1V slope inclination?

- Can the slopes be reclaimed using the “mine to grade” method without the use of backfill and without encroaching beyond approved alteration areas?
- Per Condition 6 of Surface Mining Reclamation Permit # 70-013228, dated May 27, 2016, has a revised reclamation plan been completed based on the 70-foot deep excavation?

We have owned the land for 33 years, since the fall of 1989. We were aware of the quarry's existence at the corner of Egg Lake Road and Gill Lane at the time of purchase. However it has expanded in the intervening years.

We are very concerned about any expansion of the quarry and the effect it will have on our property, both physically and environmentally. We are concerned about the noise and air pollution that would occur if the quarry expands its mining below our lot.

Please advise.

Hard copy in the mail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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