

Environmental Quality Council

In the matter of the objection
To the small mine permit of
2M Construction inc., TFN 5 6/053
Docket No. 09-4802

Gentlemen I oppose the future development of the gravel pit north of my Ranch for the following reasons:

- 1) The area is a flood plain, high water channels run from my ranch onto the area of the proposed gravel pit. When the next high water flood occurs, these channels would drain into the gravel pit at an increased flow than the present flow. This could cause erosion from my property and loss of grazing opportunity for my livestock, as well as the ground itself. I feel this potential loss to me should be evaluated before future development.
- 2) The area is a winter resting place for a large population of migratory waterfowl. The possible impact of the gravel pit on this winter haven has not been questioned.
- 3) Bald eagles as well as Golden eagles nest along the Wind River, again the impact of the proposed gravel pit has not been questioned.
- 4) Osprey, large and small game habitat the area, again the potential impact of the development of the gravel pit could and would influence their future activity.
- 5) Honor Farm Road is the main artery that the trucks from the gravel pit use to Hwy. 287, the road is deteriorating and will impact all who use the road.
- 6) I strongly feel that future development of this mining operation should be postponed until a thorough environmental impact study had been conducted and decisions based on the recommendations of the study.

I will be available for the conference call April 29, at 2:30 PM

Sincerely Yours

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