

Administrator of the Land Quality Division Department of Environmental Quality Herschler Building 122 West 25th Street

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Sirs:

We recently vehemently opposed the proposal of a new gravel operation at the junction of Hwy 89 and Hwy 26. With that in mind we would like to address the Call Gravel expansion application.

Call gravel has been in operation for many years as it exists and we would not want to try to interfere with their family business in any way if the Calls are to be the continuing owners and operators. If there are new purchasers of this business we would like the ability to address that information as well. Our main concern is the size and high visibility of the operation. If you were to grant the expansion permit to the Calls, we would like to see some form of reciprocal good faith delivered to our community by the very least adding berms and landscaping to minimize the visibility and dust upon entering and leaving our area. We would also suggest reclaiming as they go. They have already been in operation nearly 30 years and this would continue to be another 20 year proposition. According to the announcement, in 1972 this operation was 1&1/2miles from the town of Alpine, in 2001 it is on the border of our town limits. As the pit size increases so will the dust and visibility. 17 acres at an additional 20 years is a very long proposition to be on our town limits.

There is a gravel pit currently working just south of Etna. We gave someone the name of the operation the other day with directions and the local fellow said "What gravel pit?". This successful family business has built berms to disguise the potential view of their gravel operation and are reclaiming as they produce. They have been in business for 7 years and are basically inoffensive to their surrounding area. This is the type of good faith reciprocation we'd like to see work in this case as well.

We'd appreciate your taking these suggestions into consideration when making your decision and look forward to more information as it is available.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to speak to this expansion application.

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Sincerely,

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