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Administrator of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality Herschler Building 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: W.S. 35-11-406(j) - Southwick Stone

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director Environmental Quality Council

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to object to mining permit, located in E1/2 NW1/4, Section 10 Township 42N, Range 95W, Hot Springs County.

We have 180 acres and live to the North of this location. We have lived at this location for 18 years with no problems from our neighbors. We objected to this quarry when it was going to be 12 acres. We were told that most of the work would be by hand and we wouldn't know they were there. On Labor Day weekend 2002 we listened to and watched the trucks work through the weekend. We also watched the dust roll off the roads, there didn't appear to be any kind of dust control in place. Because it wasn't windy there wasn't much dust at our house on this weekend. Later in the month the wind did come up and covered the Town of Thermopolis with a layer of dust. We called the Town office to let them know where the dust was coming from. We feel that if we have these kinds of problems with 12 acres, that 80 acres will add to this problem greatly. The residential town seems to be growing towards the south and it seems a shame to see and industrial sight in the middle of this residential area.

We would be happy to appear at a public hearing on this permit. We feel that this would be a mistake to allow this to continue.

Sincerely,

Charles N Stump Jr.

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