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Administrator of the Land Quality Division  
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We are writing in regard to the proposed mining permit requested by Wilson Brothers Construction for a Bentonite mine located in Diamond Basin outside of Cody, Wy.

This has been our home for 49 years. Our property is located directly across the road where the haul trucks will be entering Diamond Basin Rd. and just over the hill from the mining operation. We raise cattle, hay, and grain.

We are very concerned about the impact of this large operation in our rural neighborhood. Our hay field is within 100 yards of where the trucks would travel down the dirt haul road to enter the Diamond Basin road. We are concerned about road dust / bentonite dust on our hay and grain crop. How would this effect our animals health to eat that dusty hay? Also with very heavy truck traffic directly across the Diamond Basin Road from our property. We are very concerned about heavy truck engine noise, jake brakes, along with road dust and bentonite particulate. The impact this will have on our property value is an important issue.

We wonder if this mining operation is allowed, what enforcement will be in place to make sure they are in compliance with DEQ regulations.

For these reasons we object to this permit application being granted. We would request a Public Hearing to voice further concerns, and have our questions answered.

Respectfully,

Robert and Diane Hicks

