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1 Some months ago Wind River Materials of
2 Kemmerer Wyo., Karen Davis and Mike and
3 Janice Hughes brought before the Sublette Co
4 Planning & Zoning Board an application for a
5 small mining permit of approximately 10 acres.
6 The application was not approved.

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8 We have been a ranch family operating immedi-
9 ately adjacent to this proposed mine for
10 over 100 years. We have studied the Wind
11 River small mining application sent to us
12 by John D Erickson of Lander, Wyo. This
13 proposal is unacceptable to us. We object
14 to the location as it is a health and
15 safety hazard to the people young and
16 old living in this valley. The dust, noise,
17 big gavel truck & heavy equipment exhaust,
18 water pollution, increased traffic & vehicle
19 size entering and exiting highway 351
20 convinced us that this proposal was not
21 well thought out even for short term use.

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22 #6. How can you know what school bus or
23 any other vehicle increase will exist 10, 20
24 or thirty years or even three years from
25 now? There is a school bus pick up & drop
26 off at this location now and at other residences
27 along 351. The Wyo Transportation Access
28 Permit #6 contains a null & void clause.

I.E. 23 Storm Pollution: These berms may be helpful in some respects but the wind deposits weeds, fine dirt & sand and snow on the down wind side of the berm building width with time like a highway snow fence. Snow melt equals runoff.

I.E. 24: Of great concern to us is the on site 10,500 gallons of fuels with irrigation ditches north and south of this storage and equipment in use. Tho the Green River is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the permit area all the sloughs, irrigation and drainage ditches flow south to the river.

pendix
D6-1 Errors & Omissions: There is an important omission in this application concerning water rights on the lands around the proposed permit. Some information on well is incorrect.

D6-2 S E O has flow rates. We have had water every year in the ditch available for measure.

What is Wind River Materials really asking for?
A mining permit = sand and gravel.
Then it mentions crushing operation
and cement mix periodically
and finally it speaks of hot mix (hydrocarbons) asphalt
Is it gravel extraction or all of the above?

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mp #1 Water used in dust suppression & processing.
 2 It is unclear where this water comes from
 3 and how much. Irrigation water is turned
 4 off seasonally.

mp #2 #8 Avoiding a public nuisance.
 6 Nuisance as defined by Webster's; annoying,
 7 unpleasant, or obnoxious
 8 The dust, noise, pollutants and safety hazards
 9 should not be minimized by labeling
 10 them simply a nuisance! They are very
 11 serious complications when trying to
 12 maintain good health and can be a financial
 13 drain on those who must cope with it
 14 all. We raise our children preaching "Don't
 15 smoke.", "Never buff or sniff petroleum
 16 products." and then we adults put them
 17 in harm's way by ignoring the dangers created
 18 by man made pollution. Young children
 19 with lungs still developing, people with
 20 asthma, COPD or any lung restriction should
 21 not be subjected to the hazards of mining
 22 operations. For anyone, the damage from
 23 pollution is cumulative.

24 The nearest homes are less than 1/2 of a mile
 25 from the permit area and down wind. The
 26 prevailing wind is from the NW or W. Dust,
 27 weeds, diesel fumes and noise will be
 28 carried down wind constituting a health

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1 hazards of varying severity depending
2 on how rapidly the offending pollutants
3 are blown out of the valley or hang for
4 days in the air as more and more soil
5 is pushed around, trucks loaded and rocks
6 crushed. Constant noise can be very stressful,
7 even at low levels. Especially if or when a
8 person has lived their whole life away
9 from it.

10 Granting this permit at this location for
11 3 or 30 years would be giving an agricultural
12 and recreation area over to heavy industry
13 because it displace or discourages
14 other uses with its heavy disruptive
15 foot print. In the past we have experienced
16 3 gravel operations within $1\frac{1}{2}$ & 2 miles
17 of our home. Those were well up off the
18 meadows and away from the river but
19 we still had dust & noise even at that
20 distance. The big trucks coming on & off
21 351 were definitely a safety factor.

22 We have had the time and good fortune
23 to visit with people who live, in different
24 areas of Sublette Co., near gravel pits,
25 crushing and haul roads. We are grateful
26 for their comments candidly given of their
27 experiences. Sublette Co is presently non-
28 compliant with air quality.

29 Please give us your time to come to
30 our area and hold a public discussion
31 or hearing and look, on the ground, at
32 the site being proposed.

33 We believe there are places where gravel
34 extraction is fitting and beneficial.

35 That the harm can be held to an
36 acceptable level and away from a grow-
37 ing population. That place is not here!

38 Thank you for your consideration.
39 We look forward to a hearing with
40 you and an honest discussion.

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43 Sincerely,

44 Jane Wardell

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