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Administrator of Land Quality,

We are VERY opposed to the gravel mine proposed by McMurry Redi Mix Co. west of Rawlins. Section 14, Township 21, Range 88 in Carbon County Wyoming.

Our first and main concern is water levels. There are currently 18 families living with in a one-mile radius of the proposed Wyute mine. When mining below water tables which happens when mining limestone each family will be concerned whether the water table will stay the same level. Our water wells could cave in and/or go dry from all the blasting that will be happening over the next 50 years. A previous gravel company came in and started blasting causing Cherokee Spring to no longer flow above the ground and eventually disappear.

Our second concern is the air pollution from all the dust that is caused when rocks are crushed, dust from loading trucks, and dust from truck traffic. For example when a company was using a rock crusher a couple of years ago west of Cherokee Road, the dust and air born particles were terrible. We currently have children, adults and livestock living in this area with the prevailing west-southwest wind and we got all the dust.

We live in Wyoming for the clean air and solitude not for air pollution. Now we will have to breathe dust and other particles, put up with the blasting in the area, high volume of truck traffic, and all this without water.

There are thousands of places to make a gravel mine along interstate 80. Lets NOT put this gravel mine this close to a community.

Is McMurry Co or the BLM going to be responsible if our wells go dry and/or our children and livestock get lung infections and get sick?

The BLM should have thought about this mining project. It has been heard that the permits have already been issued.

The BLM loves this proposal, McMurry will clean up their mess, and they let other gravel companies apply for mining 30 years ago to tear up the landscape without any reclamation. Plus, they get 50 cents a ton for the gravel. Another sell out by the BLM.

Thank you for your time,

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